Iraq denies nuclear reports

NICOSIA (AP) - Iraqi Information Minister Latif Nayel Jassem Monday denied foreign press reports that Iraq is producing nuclear and chemical warbeads for missiles, Baghdad Raio reported. "Iraq has neither the will nor the capability to produce nuclear weapons and has no intention whatsoever to produce chemical warhends for its missiles." Jassem said in a statement broadcast by the radio and monitored in Nicosia. Jassem said Iraq did not need such weapons to defend itself. "We only need conventional weapons to defend ourselves," he stressed. He warned Israel against attacking Iraq's nuclear installations. "Those who are planning for any aggression against Iraq should carefully oole the warning made by Iraql officials in the past," he said. Israeli fighter-bombers attacked a nuclear power station under construction near Baghdad in June 1981, claiming the French-built plant would be used to provide, Iraq with a military nuclear capability. Jassem said that the claims Iraq was producing nuclear and chemical weapons were being widely reported by the Israeli media to justify a possible aggression against Iraq.

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The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas urged its supporters to turn the cards in at their local mosque, and nprising leaders have called upon workers not to use them.

Palestinians said soldiers stopped passers-by in Gaza City Mon-day, confiscated adult men's identity papers and ordered them to collect the new plastic permits from administration offices.

Troops shot and wounded five Palestinians in clashes in the Gaza Strip Monday, including a 10-year-old boy hit in the chest in the Rafah refugee camp, hospital officials said:

Clashes were also reported in the occupied West Bank, where soldiers raided the village of Sair, near Hebron, making arrests, hulldozing street barricades and

escorting tax collectors.

Beit Sahour, a town of 12,000 residents, has been in the forefront of peaceful resistance to the occupation during the uprising and has been subjected to long punitive curfews and armed tax

In the early weeks of the uprising, local activists organised "victory gardens" in an effort to make the community self-sufficient in vegetables.

In an unprecedented act of defiance last July, dozens of residents turned in their Israeli-isued identity cards at the town hall and said they wanted nothing more to do with Israel.

Tax collectors backed by

midnight several times recently, impounding television sets, cars and electrical appliances to force residents to pay taxes.

Local activists in the Bethlehem area have called a 10-day strike and demonstrations in protest at the tax raids on Beit

Terrorist threat

An Israeli legislator said on Monday he has started to carry a pistol after being threatened rightist terrorists opposing his views on the Israeli-Palestinian

"There are very specific threats, telephone calls, letters, saying: 'We shall kill you, we shall harm your family'." Abraham Burg of the Labour Party said in an interview with the AP.

"I live in a secluded place and I also travel a lot," Burg said. "Politically, I'm at the forefront of the struggle against the radicals. That's why I'm carrying a pistol at all times.

Burg, the son of a former interior and police minister. Yosef Burg, belongs to the dovish wing of the centre-left party and is known as a supporter of a farreaching territorial compromise as a way of solving the Palestinian

He said that threats from the right-wing extremists seem to be linked to his frequent radio and television interviews, and that "they follow immediately."



·Fight for freedom... a young Palestinian in Hebron in the occupied West Bank fights Israeli soldiers

trying to force him into their jeep. The soldiers eventually forced him into the jeep

King on extensive tour of army units

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty duties and tasks King Hussein Sunday spent the whole night inspecting the formations of the 12th Royal Mechanised Division and following the course of military exercises conducted by one of the division's cises of the division. units early Monday. The King also visited the Fifth Royal Armoured Division, where he Armed Forces Chief of was briefed on the division's General Fathi Ahu Taleb.

The King concluded his tour by visiting the Fourth Royal Mecha-

The King was accompanied by

U.S. protests attack on Peking apartments

PEKING (Agencies) — The U.S. embassy filed a protest Monday for what it called the deliberate and premeditated army attack last month on the apartments of U.S. diplomats and other foreigners.

The move was likely to worsen relations between the two countries that have already been made tense by U.S. criticism of China's crackdown on pro-democracy student protesters. Meanwhile, two Taiwanese re-

porters said a colleague was taken away by Chinese security forces after he reportedly met with fugitive student leader Wang Dan. The reporters said they feared Wang also was arrested. Huang Debei, of the independ-

ence evening news of Taipei, was bundled into a car and taken away by machinegun-toting soldiers and police as he left a hotel in the city centre Monday, said a colleague from the same paper who was pushed away during the incident

Authorities provided no information on Huang's whereabouts or the reason for his detention, but colleagues linked it to his contacts with Wang. Wang and several other wanted

students have been in hiding since the bloods suppression of the pro-democracy movement a month ago. Some have fled abroad to escape the subsequent crackdown.

U.S. Charge d'Attaires Raymond Burghardt delivered the note of profest about the shooting incident to the Foreign Ministry, which did not immediately respond, said embassy spokesman Sheridan Bell.

Chinese soldiers fired hundreds of bullets into the Jianguomenwai apartment compound June o. a day after the U.S. embassy gave refuge to two Chinese dissidents, Fang Lizhi and his wife. Li Shu-A U.S. embassy report on the

shooting charged it was premeditated but did not link it to China's anger over U.S. protection of Fang and Li.

The United States filed one protest shortly after the shooting. However, the new protest challenges for the first time the Chinese account that the soldiers were responding to sniper fire from within the apartment com-

udan junta widens et; Mahdi elusive

RO (Agencies) - Sudan's leaders widened the crackon former government icians but said Prime Minisladeq Al Mahdi had so far led capture.

e head of the 15-man militunta, General Omar Hassan tashir, was quoted by state o Omdurman Monday as ng 30 people had been ted, 10 more than Sunday's lal figure, but Mahdi was still

member of the junta urged public to turn in Mahdi and ral top aides. Bashir said he ght the fugitives were still in Sudanese capital Khartoum. idio Omdurman said Kharairport had reopened for national flights. It had been d since the Friday coup exfor pilgrimage flights to

li Arabia suter correspondent Alfred in reported from Khartoum day that the sprawling city of seven million people was with businesses operating plomats said the mystery to speculation that he might have been executed but the news was being withheld to prevent possible violent reaction against the junta by his supporters.

he has not been arrested so far." Sudan's first free polls for nearly

would be caught soon. and several other people saw Mahdi being driven to Khartourn's Kobar prison shortly after

hours after they were cut Friday, remained erratic.

dier until Friday's coup, has imposed a state of emergency, suspended the constitution, dissolved parliament, abolished political parties and trade unions and stopped all non-military newspapers from publishing.

"Mahdi was not killed," Bashir has said. "Contrary to what has been reported by some sources. He said Mahdi, in office since

two decades were held in 1986, Taban reported Friday that he

the announcement of the coup. Telephone and telex links, with the outside world, restored 24

Bashir, 45, a little known briga-

He has vowed never to allow

surrounding Mahdi's fate had led political parties to return and accused their leaders of corruption and embezzlement of public

> Libya and Egypt have sent officials to Khartoum to sound out the 'country's new military strongman on his intentions. The Sudan News (SUNA) re-

ported Monday that Bashir met separately with the envoys on Sunday. The agency said they discussed hilateral relations.

The envoys headed the first two foreign delegations to visit Sudan since Bashir, then a brigadier, and 14 other middle-level officers overthrew Mahdi.

Egypt became Saturday the first country to recognise the military government. It's relatons with Mahdi were cool at best.

Libya, until recently not even on speaking terms with Egypt. has acknowleded the coup in its media but has not extended official recognition. Tripoli had been a firm backer of Mahdi and was the first to recognise the military coup in 1985 that led to his return as premier one year later. Egypt's Middle East News



Omar Hassan Al Bashir

Agency (MENA) Monday quoted Bashir as telling the Egyptian envoy he would reform trade nnions but he gave no details.

The envoy, identified by diplomats as intelligence chief Hassan Amin Nimr, assured Bashir of Egyptian and Arab support. MENA said.

Mohammad Magzoub, representing Lihyan leader Moammar Oadhafi said after his meeting with Bashir that they "reviewed a number of important issues of concern to the two countries."

Strains in Egypt's relations with Mahdi grew largely from Cairo's refusal to band over former President Jaafar Numeiri. who was stranded there by the

Gromyko, veteran, uies at /y

MOSCOW (Agencies) -Andrei A. Gromyko, who survived five Kremlin leadership changes and weathered the dramatic lwists and turns of East-West relations in a halfcentury of public life, has died at age 79.

Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who succeeded the grim-faced Gromyko as president of the Soviet Union Oct. 1, annonuced the statesman's death to the Supreme Soviet legislature Monday, TASS and Radio Moscow reported.

"The deputies at the session, with a minute of silence, paid homage to the memory of the outstanding government and party leader," Radio Moscow

TASS said Gromyko was "one of the major Soviet diplomats and statesmen of the senior generation" and added that the country "lost one of its most prominent leaders."

Soviet news reports said the man who oversaw Soviet foreign policy for 28 years died Sunday. The cause of death was not appounced, but a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday that Gromyko was hospitalised in satisfactory condition after undergoing surgery for a vascular problem that was not further identified.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said a commission was being formed to arrange a funeral. He said arrangements would not interfere with Gorbachev's plans to travel to France Tuesday for a three-day visit, or a trip Thursday to attend a two-day summit of the Warsaw Pact in Romania.

Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov will preside over the funeral.

Ryzhkov told foreign reporters at the Supreme Soviet that Gromyko would be interred in Moscow's Novo-Dyevichy cemetery - and not in the Kremlin Wall as diplomats had earlier speculated. "That was what he

wanted," Ryzhkov said. The prime minister, a senior member of the party's ruling polithuro, said Gromyko's



Andrei Gromyko

the funeral for the public to pay last respects - probably in the Soviet Army House near central Moscow. As a diplomat, ambassador

and foreign mlnister, Gromyko helped forge the Soviet-American World War II Alliance, joined in drafting the U.N. Charter and sat in on superpower talks that shaped the face of the modern world. Gromyko survived several

purges and outlasted Soviet leaders Joseph Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev, Leonid I. Brezhnev, Yuri V. Andropov and Kostantin U. Chernenko. His career covered a period in which nine U.S. presidents

were in office, from Franklin

Dr. Roosevelt to George Bush.

He served as Soviet ambassador to the United States, Britain and the United Nations. which he helped found. After Gorbachev rose to power in March 1985 and revamped the leadership.

Gromyko was gradually eased

into retirement. He ended his career gracefully, unlike many other Soviet officials who were abruptly stripped of posts and written out of official history books as new Kremlin chiefs came on board.

Gromyko proclaimed strong support of Gorbachev's reforms and maintained official respect even though some of the foreign policy decisions taken during his lenure - such as the 1979 Soviel intervention in Afghanistan — were condemned

But he did not go unscathed. At a party conference lasi summer, one delegate said Gromyko and other officials still in the leadership who had shaped policy during the period of stagnation, as the Brezhnev years are known, should resign. The call was rehuffed.

cleansing government ATHENS (R) - The new Greek akis agreed to form a coalition coalition began work Monday in after the inconclusive June cleaning up government with elections.

Prime Minister Tzannis Tzannetakis vowing that a series of finanthrow people in jail but Greece cial scandals would be investigated "in full and in depth." "The only purpose of this govporters.

Greek coalition begins

ernment is to have the law on the responsibility of former ministers lifted and to hand over the guilty to justice." Tzannetakis told revate Bank of Crete.

Parliament began sitting Monday and the first moves to lift the immunity of former Socialist ministers implicated in banking and arms industry scandals are expected later this week.

porters.

The conservative-communist coalition has given itself three months to begin prosecutions after which it has pledged to hold fresh elections. Tzannetakis, 62, a former sub-

marine captain, became prime minister after conservative New Democracy Party leader Constantine Mitsotakis and Communist Party chief Harilaos Flor"It is not a pleasant job to

must be freed from the weight of the scandals." Mitsotakis told re-The scandals which have dog-

ging the Socialists for the past Itl months include the embezzlement of \$200 million at the pri-George Koskotas, the former

owner of the bank sought for fraud and embezzlement, fled in November and is jailed in the United States pending extradition hearings. He has accused Socialist minis-

ters of pocketing millions of dollars in interest payments from state accounts at the bank. Eight ministers resigned or were fired.

"The Koskotas scandal is only the tip of the iceberg," Justice Minister Fotis Kouvelis, one of two Communist ministers in the 22-strong cabinet, told reporters.

U.S. supreme court restricts abortion law

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. supreme court approved significant new restrictions in American abortion law Monday hut left intact its historic 1973 ruling that women have a constitutional right to abortion.

In one of the most emotionally charged and politically explosive cases in years, the high court rejected Bush administration pleas to take the drastic step of overturning the "Roe versus Wade" decision that legalised abortion in the United States 16 years ago.

But hy a vote of 5 to 4, the court's conservative majority also gave anti-ahortion forces a partial victory by upholding most parts of a controversial Missouri law that makes it more difficult to obtain an abortion.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing the majority opinion. acknowledged that the decision "will undoubtedly allow more governmental regulation of abortion than was permissible be-

But he rejected the view that states will turn back the clock to outlaw abortion completely.

One of the most widely dehated of the restrictions requires, for all women at least five months pregnant, that the doctor check the weight and lung development of the fetus to determine if it could survive outside the womh.

The law does not say what course should be followed if the fetus could survive but it is widely assumed such a finding would militate against the abortion.

Other restrictions approved by the court would han the spending of public funds to counsel women to have the operation, forbid abortions in public hospitals and ban public employees from participating in abortions.

Of the nine high court members, Justice Antonin Scalia was the only one who said he would have preferred to overturn the Roe Decision completely. But he joined with the majority.

Justice Harry Blackmun, the author of the Roe Decision. issued a strongly worded dissent saying that a woman's fundamental right to an abortion had survived but was no longer se-

mal- Hizbollah flare-up adds to rab League woes in Lebanon

RUT (Agencies) — Warring te Muslim factions fought untiles in west Beirut for a nd day Monday while Syrianed militiamen and gunners to army commander Michel n duelled with artillery, ning Arab and Soviet efforts

nd the bloodletting. te crump of rocket-propelled ades an the crackle of nine gunfire echoed across capital's western sector as Iranian fundamentalists of soliah (Party of God), and al militiamen battled in the lential districts of Batrakiyeh.

'Ain Mrcisseh. dice had no report of casualin the fighting that broke out a.m. (6600 GMT) and raged four hours. ne clashes shattered an over-

army which polices west. arec people were killed and counded in 15 hours of street

I ceasefire called by the Sy-

battles Sunday, the first major clash between the rival factions for months.

Hizbollah and the secular Amal have been fighting for mastery of Lebanon's one-million-strong Shi'ite community, the country's largest sect. The power struggle so far has killed 564 people and wounded 1,560 since it erupted in April last year.

Stepping up their drive to end the conflict in Lebanon, three Arab foreign ministers took their peace plan to Baghdad Monday, after talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

Iraq reaffirms offer

In Baghdad, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein told the envoys that there would be no peace in Lebanon until all foreign forces, including the Syrians, withdraw. informed official source reported. He also called for an end to outside interference in Lebenese

foreign ministers of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

Hussein stressed he believes all foreign forces in Lebanon should pull out. While Syria has 40,000 troops deployed there, the Israelis also occupy a border strip in South Lebanon and Iran has some 3,500 revolutionary guards in Syrian-controlled east

Iraq promised Saturday to stop supplying Aoun with weapons. Syria demands that arms shipments to Aoun halt before it will halt its shelling of ports and lift the siege on Aoun-controlled areas.

INA reported that Hussein reiterated the Iraqi stand that it will stop sending weapons to Aoun if Syria withdraws the 40,000 troops it has deployed in

reported Sunday without elaboration that Assad told the Arab envoys that Damascus "would provide every possible assistance to the Lehanese brothers to achieve national entente and... and national solution that will put an end to the bizarre situation." Aoun said in an ioterview published Monday that his country's

war could be resolved only

through the United Nations, cast-

ing doubt that the Arah League

could end the bloodshed. The U.S. ambassador to Svria said Monday that Syria has an important role to play in arranging a peace settlement in Lebanon hut should withdraw its troops, along with israeli forces. once peace is achieved.

Edward Djerdjian said the first step to a Lehanese solution must be taken by the Lebanese who must agree on elections and reforms, create a central government that can extend its authority body would lie in state before The Syrian Arab News Agency over all Lebanese territory.



Algeria takes historic step towards multi-party democracy

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Algeria has taken an historic step toward multi-party democracy, adopting a law that allows the creation of new political parties outside the ruling National Liberation Front

The Law on Political Associations, passed by the National Assembly Sunday after weeks of often stormy debate, is the cor-nerstone of reforms launched by President Chadli Benjedid after bloody riots shook the country last October.

A separate electoral law due for adoption later this month will allow the new parties to compete in free elections for the first time since independence from France

"We have entered a new phase in the history of our country. Interior Minister Abu Bakr Belkaid told the assembly after the

"The democracy all of us want is that which... stems from political diversity and allows all sectors of this nation to express their opnions and participate effectively in running the affairs of the country."

The assembly also adopted a law on prices that significantly reduces the role of the state in the economy, part of parallel reforms designed to liberalise economic life and dismantle 27 years of

Algerians approved a new constitution last February that charted the country's new political and economic course after riots broke out last year over worsening economic conditions.

A final vote fally was not immediately available but adoption of the two laws, the first to implement the new constitution, suggested a major victory for reformisis in the FLN-dominated assembly over old guard elements that had resisted change.

Groups ranging from far-left Trotskyists to Islamic fundamentalists have already applied for legal status and officials say the first free elections will be held at the local level late this year or early next year.

The law forbids the creation of parties based exclusively on a particular religion, language, region, sex, race or profession. It also forbids parties from advocating violence, extremism or fana-

Some deputies expressed concern these clauses would rule out Islamic fundamentalist parties, Belkaid said earlier this law

would not obstruct associations

'inspired by Islamic values." But he also condemned groups that might present themselves as the sole defenders of Islam, which he called "the heritage of all Algerians," and designated by the constitution as the state reli-

The law on prices replaces a cumbersome four-tier price system with a two-tier structure that maintains state controls on essential or strategic commodities and allows others to be determined by

The result will be to expand the role of the market in an economy long dominated by the public sector but in which state industries have been granted increas-

ing autonomy.
In a series of referendums in since November, Algeria's 13 million voters repeatedly have backed sweeping political re-forms proposed by Benjedid, elected to a third five-year term in December.

Algerian newspapers said 40 groups intended to form parties to challenge the FLN's political dominance of the country since it won independence from France

Among the groups ready to take advantage of the law are the Social Democratic Party, with a rapidly growing membership, the Democratic Union, and the Front

The Islamic Salvation Front and the Algerian Democratic Movement, led by Algeria's first president, Ahmad Ben Bella, ex-iled in Switzerland, are also getting together to form a platform for the first electoral test in municipal elections at the end of the

According to the text of the bill, groups wanting to form polineal parties can now apply to the Interior Ministry, which has two months to give a reply.

The new law forbids members

of the military, policemen, magis-trates or members of the constitutional council from belonging to political movements. The state will contribute to

each political party in proportion to its membership in parliament. All foreign material support for the parties is forbidden by the new law.
As FLN representatives de-

bated the bill, several hundred people, many of them women. demonstrated peacefully in front of the parliament, calling for respect for women's rights and equality before the law.

The bill also forbids any party to be based on regional, linguistic, racial or religious grounds. Some deputies felt that article was aimed at Islamic fundamentalists or members of the Berber minority.

PLO banks on EC and uprising

TUNIS (R) - Palestinian leader Salah Khalaf says the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). facing deadlock in its dialogue with Washington, is banking on European influence and the Palestinian uprising against Israel to maintain pressure for Middle

Salah Khalaf, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy in the mainstream Fateh movement, told Reuters in an interview that in formal talks with the PLO in Tunis, the United States had not significantly changed its position on the Middle East.

"We still think the dialogue is a positive step and we have not despaired of it ... but there has been no progress in the American position," be said in the interview Sunday.

In the dialogue, U.S. Ambassador Robert Pelletreau, the sole

channel for contacts, bas tried to sell the Israeli government's plan for elections and to encourage meetings between Israelis and Palestinians from within the occupied territories, be said.

Khalaf said the election plan fell far sbort of PLO expecta-

He said it ignored the organisation and said nothing about selfdetermination for the Palestinian people or Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza.

"We can't go into a tunnel when we don't know what's at the other end. Is it open or is it a dead end?" he said.

Asked what other options the PLO had, he said, "take for example the statement by the European Community (EC), it's excellent. It's good and it's positive, it contains fundamental changes ...

"The community can play a very important role by talking to the Americans, by talking to the Israelis, to convince them of the idea contained in their state-

At a summit in madrid last week, the EC adopted a position on the Middle East close to that of the PLO and said for the first time that the PLO should take part in an international peace conference on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

The other option, he said, was to keep up the intifada, "The Intifada is a very important element. It has a big effect on Israel

He said the PLO had no objections to contacts between Israeli leaders and Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza, provided these were not understood as negotiations.

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has said recently that Shamir was planning to meet Palestinians, including PLO sympathisers, to discuss his elections plan.

Khalaf said no Palestinians had yet asked the PLO for clearance to take part in such meetings and he did not expect Shamir to invite them before a Likud party meeting on the elections plan Wednesday.

He said the PLO position was that any official delegation for talks with Israeli leaders should be from both inside and outside the territories. Arafat has named Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu Lughud, two Palestinian Americans, as possible participants in such a team.

"It's not out of the question that a member of the leadership should also be in the delegation.



W. Bank priest protests curfew

BEIT SAHOUR, Occupied West Bank (R) - A Greek Orthodox priest protested Sunday at an Israeli army curfew that kept Palestinians of the mostly-Christian town form church and appealed to the United States to intercede.

"I, as one of the priests of Beit Sahour, protest the disrespectful manner in which the military government and soldiers treat the religious leaders of the community," Father Issa Musleb said in a letter to the U.S. consulate.

"We appeal to the American consul to appeal on our bebalf... so that the people of Beit Sahour

can pray in church..." A consulate spokesman in Jerusalem confirmed he had re-ceived the letter, delivered by Israeli peace activists, but had no immediate response.

Troops arrested about 10 prominent townsmen Saturday night, including religious leaders, professionals and intellectuals who have met Israeli peace activists throughout the 18-month-old. Palestinian uprising.

There was no protest in Beit Sahour Sunday that might bave prompted a curfew and the army said it was a pre-emptive move.

"The curfew is in order to prevent disturbances in the future. We were notified that there would be disturbances," a spokesman said.

Residents of the town of 10,000 protested earlier in the week against arrests by gathering in the main church and singing protest din said: "We think people should be allowed to go to church, that freedom of worsbip should not be infringed, and that

when the area is quiet." The army spokesman said the Beit Sahour residents arrested were suspected of anti-Israeb violence.

there should not be a curfew

Residents on the outskirts of the town told Reuters that troops made large-scale arrests throughout the district Saturday of suspected Palestinian activists. Among them was West Bank doctors' union bead Victor Batarsa, detained in Bethlehem.

Rabin dismisses criticism Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has dismissed U.N. criticism of Israel's expulsion of Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"I'll take the Security Council seriously when they deal with the expulsion of 60,000 Turks from Bulgaria," Rabin said. "After that I will pay attention to what they say about the expulsion of eight leaders of the uprising in the territories.'

The U.N. Security Council was due to meet Monday at the request of Arab states to deal with Israel's most recent expulsions eight Palestinians accused of leading the 18-month-old revolt.

They were expelled to Lebanon Thursday. Israel has expelled 55 Palestinians since the start of the upris-

ing in December 1987, prompting international condemnation spearheaded by the United Na-Energy Minister Moshe Shah-

i, a member of Rabin's Labour Party, criticised the hawkish defence minister for trying to speed up expulsions by changing legislation that bolds up such action pending appeal.
"Where did the defence minis-

try find the genius who suggested deport first and hear the appeal afterwards?" Shahal asked in remarks to the Jerusalem Post newspaper.

Rabin also urged cabinet ministers to keep the army ont of the political debate after Foreign Minister Moshe Arens was quoted as saying new West Bank commander Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai would fight the uprising better than outgoing Major-General Amram Mitzna.

"The army must be kept outside the political fight. The army is a national asset that must be given the broadest backing certainly by the ministers of the

government," he said.

Arens' office denied the foreign minister criticised Mitzoa and said in a statement:

"The comments of the foreign minister were distorted and taken out of context. Regarding the head of central command, he only expressed his hope that the new general will succeed in his mission of dealing with the up-

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Israei bans Arab's play

TEL AVIVI (R) - Israeli authorities said Sunday they had banned a play written by an Israeli Arab, calling it a racist production that would incite anti-Israeli protests. But playwright Riad Masarwy of Nazareth said his work "The Ninth Wave" was censored beause "the government could not deal with the political situation that exists today." The play is about a groom who is killed by Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank moment before his marriage, he said. As the bride dances around his dead body, relatives tell of Israeli atrocities against the Palestinian people since 1948. Masarwy, 40, said he would continue with rehearsals for the play which was due to open in Nazareth Sept. 4, "I do not hurt the feelings of anyone. I bring facts from the past and from the present. Apparently the authorities cannot handle these facts, he told Reuters. He said the play had been co-produced with a Belgian theatre group and involved five Belgian actors as well as five Arab actors. It was to have been performed in French and Arabic.

Tehran faces water shortage

NICOSIA (AP) — Tehran is running out of drinking water and authorities are urging the Iranian capital's estimated 10 million inhabitants to economise or face rationing, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Sunday. "If the call by the water deprement is not heeded, it is feared that some part of the city will have to do without water for a few honrs every day, as some did Saturday," it said. The agency said that "the increasing population of the city and the absence or scarcity of alternative water resources... is pushing the authorities to impose periodic austerity for everyone so there will be round-the-clock water for all." IRNA said Tehran's water problems began in the 1960s, when people from rural areas began moving into the capital. The urban drift intensified after the 1979 revolution and the decline in agriculture. The city, where an estimated one-fifth of Iran's 50 million population live, has a low water fall during winter and spring and relies mainly the Karaj, Jajroud and Lar rivers for its water resources, IRNA said. The agency disclosed that water consumption - for drinking and washing - in Tehran was currently between 240,000 and 300,000 cubic metres a yer above the capacity

Herzog says Mulroney to visit Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) - President Chain Herzog returned to Israel Sunday after a ten day visit to Canada and said Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has accepted an invitiation to visit Israel Herzog mer with Canadian lead addressed both houses of parliament. He was the first senior Israeli figure to visit Ottawa since Canada lifted a ban on cabinet members and ambassadors meeting officials of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). "I felt that there was an understanding of our position even if we did not see eye to eye on all issues." Herzog told reporters at Tel Avivi's Ben Gurion airport. He said he invited Mulroney to visit Israel and "the visit is now being planned." He gave no other details of the expected visit.

7 women trampled to death in S. Arabia

RIYADH (R) — Seven women were trampled to death at a wedding party when a power cut sparked a stampede, the Dammam-based Al Yom newspaper reported Monday. The paper quoted a Ministry of Health official as saying three women were in serious condition while 22 others were being treated for minor injuries and shock. It said those killed in the all-women weekend party in the southern town of Jizan were four Saudi Arabians, a Yemeni, an Indonesian and a Sri Lankan. The official was quoted as saying the women were trampled to death after rushing out of the party venue when the lights went out.

Somaii president wants direct dialogue

MOGADISHU (R) — Somali President Mohammad Siad Barresaid Snnday he wanted a direct dialogue with "dissidents and opposition" in the interests of Somali unity. Barre made his statement at the end of a session of the ruling party's central committee. He did not refer directly to the Somali National Movement, whose guerrillas are fighting in northern Somalia, or to the opposition groups now based outside Somalia. He said he was ready to enter into dialogue "at any time and at any place" for the sake of unity. However, such a dialogue should be reasonable and just, he added. Barre described the current conflict as fratricide and said it was contrary to Islamie teaching. Thousands of Somalis fied into the reighbouring cross of Ethiorie to account fighting in fled into the neighbouring areas of Ethiopia to escape fighting in northern Somalia last year. The Somali government has called on them to return and has launched plans for rebuilding parts of Hargeisa and other towns which were destroyed in the fighting.

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Delegates to children's congress start leaving

part in the minth children's conress began leaving here for iome following a week-long visit is well as cultural and recreationd programmes.

Among those leaving Monday vere children's groups from Iraq, egypt, the United Arab Emiates, Bahrain and Kuwait.

Altogether, 60 boys and girls ook part in the activities which intailed visits to tourist and irchaeological sites, cultural events, visits to Jordanian famiies, recreational programmes, risits to the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea and a meeting with Her Majesty Queen Noor who sponsors the annual event through the Noor Al Hussein Foundation

Interviewed by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, shortly before departure the children and their supervisor voiced deep countries.

MMAN (J.T.) — Delegations appreciation for the hospitality rom 15 Arab countries was took accorded to them during their accorded to them during their stay in Jordan, and said that the visit immensely increased their knowledge about Arab culture.

> Upon conclusion of the event Sunday, the children held a seminar attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Al Faisal, at the end of which they issued a set of recommendations calling for more care and attention to children at schools and homes, underlining the importance of books and publications as the major source of knowledge for children and calling for a greater measure of interaction among the cultures of the Arab World.

The children called on Arab intellectuals and script-writers to produce more books for the benefit of children and urged more cultural programmes to be orga-nised for children in all Arab

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

KING CONGRATULATES U.S.: His Majesty King Hussein has cahled U.S. President George Bush on the anniversary of America's National Day. In his cable, the King stressed the need to reinforce mutual friendship and cooperation. (Petra)

ARMY TEAM LEAVES FOR PILGRIMAGE: A pilgrimage mission representing the Jordanian Armed Forces left Amman Monday for Mecca and was seen off by senior army officers from the Armed Forces Headquarters. Before departure, the Armed Forces Musti spoke to the members of the mission on the pilgrimage rites in Mecca and Medina. (Petra).

ASSAD RECEIVES TURKISH ENVOY: Minister of Higher Education Dr. Nassereddin Al Assad Monday received in his office Turkish Ambassador to Jordan Semih Belen at the conclusion of the envoy's tour of duty. During the meeting, they discussed means to bolster scientific and cultural cooperation and increasing the number of students accepted in the universities of both countries. (Petra)

PSD TEAM DEPARTS FOR PILGRIMAGE: A total of seventy seven people from the Public Security Department (PSD) Monday left Amman for Sandi Arabia to perform pilgrimage. They were seen off by PSD Director General Abdul Hadi Majali. (Petra)

TWO DENTAL CLINICS IN MAFRAQ: Minister of Health and Social Development Dr. Zuhair Malhas has decided to open two dental clinics in Mafraq. The health department director in Mafraq Governorate, Dr. Suleiman Affash, said that these two clinics would be provided with the necessary medical personnel and equipment.

RAWABDEH RETURNS FROM MOROCCO: Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh Monday returned home after participating in a panel discussion held in Casablanca, Morocco.

LOANS TO MAFRAQ FARMERS: The Agricultural Credit Corporation in Mafraq donated loans amounting to JD 450,000 to 177 farmers during the first half of 1989. (Petra)

ACC AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS TO MEET: Jordan will take part in a meeting by Ministers of Agriculture in the fourmember countries of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC), which is due to convene in Baghdad Thursday. According to an official statement in Baghdad, the four ministers will explore the prospect of increasing their countries' cooperation in agricultural fields, and planning joint future action. Several proposals will be listed in a final report on the ministers' work and their plans which is to be submitted to the ACC's higher council, due to convene in Sanaa, North Yemen, by the end of September. (Petra)

BADRAN INSPECTS AGRICULTURAL STATION: Agriculture minister Adnan Badran Monday inspected Al Hussein Agricultural Station and Al Faisal Agricultural Nursery which produce various types of fruit and forest tree saplings. The minister urged those in charge of the two centres to publish pamphlets to guide farmers on the type of plants and the method to plant the trees in different areas of Jordan. He said that the process should be conducted in a manner that would not serve as a rival for the private sector's business but rather to provide guidance.

UNESCO OFFICIAL ARRIVES: Dr. Farouk Hamdi Al Farra, from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) arrived in Amman Monday for talks on educational innovation programmes which are being carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Education. During his four-day stay in Jordan, he will hold talks on general educational programmes with particular attention to an educational innovation programme, which will be carried out in the Karak area in southern Jordan in conjunction with and help from Mu'ta University. (Petra)

AIR FRANCE TAKES PART IN FESTIVAL: Air France, eager to help it the development of cultural relations between Jordan and France, has decided to participate in this year's Jerash Festival by carrying jointly with Royal Jordanian the troup "Ballet Du Nord" between Amman and Paris. Indeed, 39 dancers will perform at the South Theatre on July 8 and 9, thus adding a touch of beauty to the sumptuous programme of the Festival for 1989. (J.T.)

HOSPITAL GETS KIDNEY MACHINES: The University of Jordan Hospital has received a computerised dialysis unit for the treatment of kidney patients presented by the Jordanian Garden and House Society as a gift to the hospital. Director of the Jordan Medical Institution, General Dauoud Hanania, expressed his gratitude to the society for its donation of such an advanced device. He said that despite the high cost of the treatment of kidney patients, the Jordanian government treats them free of charge. (Petra)

FRENCH PLANES UNDERGO TESTS HERE: The Royal Jordanian's engineering and maintenance department has made the necessary checking and maintenance for four Airbus planes, belonging to Air France, in accordance with an agreement concluded between RJ and the French airline company. RJ Deputy Executive Director Husam Ahu Ghazaleh said that according to the agreement, thorough examinations of all the planes equipment take place every

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- * An art exhibition by three Arab artists representing Bahrain. Syria and Jordan at the Housing Bank Art Gallery. As art exhibition entitled "Songs of the Earth" by Mohammad
- Nasrallah at the French Cultural Centre.
- à An exhibition of children's books beld within the framework of the Ninth Arab Children's Congress at the Royal Cultural
- ☆ A photography exhibition entitled "Constructed Narratives" at the British Council.
- An exhibition of Palestinian heritage af the Professional Associations Complex.

FILM

A German film entitled "The Doctor of Stalingrad" (English subtitled) at the Goethe Institute — 8:00 p.m.



Nsour opens camp at Dibbln park

Education Minister Abdullah Nsour Monday pened a camp at Dibbin National Park, near Jerash, and addressed the 185 participants, urging them to carry out useful work and voluntary service for their community. The participants are all members of scout organisations from

week in the camp, training in civil defence work automechanics, electricity and other trades as well as doing scout duties. The minister underlined the scout movement's importance in developing the youth of Jordan (Petra)

PSD destroys large drug haul

AMMAN (J.T.) — A large haul of drugs seized from smogglers in Jordan over the past few months was hurnt Mooday at the kilns of the Jordan Cement Factories Company under the supervision of the Public Security Depart-

ment (PSD). Major General Nasonh Muhieddin, PSD assistant director said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that the haul was made up of 1,348 kilogrammes of hashish, nine kilogrammes of heroin, 26 kilogrammes of opium, 51,658 capta-gon pills and 207 cannabis sa-

plings.

He said that the drugs were seized in a total of 99 drug trafficking cases and had a street

Maj-Gen. Muhieddin said that the drug trafficking cases in the first half of 1989 reached an unprecedented level but did not

disclose any figures.

Muhieddin said that most of the drugs were destined to other Arah countries which normally consume them and that Jordan has a relatively low number of drug addicts.
The Kingdom's central geog-

raphical location between drug producing and drug consuming countries makes it prone to drug smuggling operations, Muhieddin

But he added that the PSD bas been very active foiling most of pills the smugglers attempts at traf-

Last month the PSD announced that a haul of bashish with a street value estimated at JD 300,000 was seized by the police and customs authorities as it was being smuggled into Jordan

from Syria. The PSD said that 232 kilogrammes of hashish were found hidden inside a lorry that arrived at the border town of Ramtha from Syria in March this year.

The PSD announced that it had broken the biggest drug smug-gling operations in Jordan's history, seizing two and a half ton-nes of hashish, 300,000 captagon pills altogether worth JD 2 mil-

Agaba Labour Department offers 112 jobs to unemployed Jordanians

AQABA (Petra) — Aqaba Labour Department last month offered 112 jobs to unemployed Jordanians living in the Aqaba area, according to department nians, who also form 85 per cent Oirector Jamal Abu Tayeh, He of the total number of employees said that the jobs were in diffe-

rent industrial and trade fields. Abu Tayeb said that nearly 95 per cent of the workers in industrial concerns in Agaba are Jordanians, who also form 85 per cent in the transport sector.

Ahu Tayeh said the Vocational Training Corporation is helping in the process of finding jobs to the unemployed by offering them training courses as drivers so that they can replace non-Jordanians

Delegates for 5th expatriate conference begin arriving

AMMAN (Petra) - Delegates by representatives of various who will take part in the Fifth Jordanian Expatriates Conference began converging on Amman; and according to sources at the Ministry of Labour, which is the number of last year. organising the meeting, some 1,000 delegates will attend the

four-day meeting. Mr. Azmi Al Muhtaseb, director of the ministry's Expatriates Affairs Department said that the conference to be held under Royal patronage will be attended

types of expatriates groups from different countries. This year's participants,

Muhtaseb noted, is nearly double One of the major topics for discussion is the establishment of a private university in Jordan to

serve the expatriates and their children, according to Ministry of Labour officials.

They were quoted by Sawt Al Shaab daily Monday as saying that the private university, to be known as the University of Applied Sciences, will open its doors in the coming year.

The projected university's JD 6 million has already been paid up, the report said.

It said that the process of registering the university with the Ministry of Industry and Trade as a share-holding company has already started.

Red Crescent society to organise international youth camp in Jordan

(JNRCS) will organise its first international youth camp in Jordan Thursday and according to an official statement Monday parti-cipants from 12 Arab and foreign countries are expected to take part in the camp's activities.

The statement said that the 75

participants aged between 15 and 17 years will hold seminars, panel discussions, and hear lectures on the work and operations of the Red Crescent and Red Cross societies around the world, as

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan well as humanitarian assistance National Red Crescent Society and the Geneva agreements on providing voluntary service.

The participants will also watch documentary films on humanitarian services and will make field trips to archaeological and tourist areas in the country, the statement added.

The statement said that the week-long activities are designed to corroborate international understanding and promote the cause of peace as well as increase youth contribution to voluntary and humanitarian services around

The participants, the statement noted, will have the chance to exchange views and hold open ions on various activities carried out by the Red Crescent and Red Cross societies.

Taking part in the camp to be opened by Minister of Education Abdullah Nsour at Allan, north west of Amman - are delegates from Iraq, Egypt, North Yemen, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Libya, Turkey, Bulgaria, West Germany and Sweden in addition to



UNFPA expert visits Yarmouk

tion Activities (UNFPA) called at activities and learnt from uni- ESCO). The project entails visits Yarmouk University Monday and versity deans about a people's by university students to various had a meeting with its president, communication project which is rural areas in the Irial Governo-Dr. Mohammad Hamdan who being implemented in coopera-rate.

IRBID (J.T.) — Dr. Majid briefed him on the University's fion with the fund and the United Khan, an expert working for the projects and development. Khan Nations Educational, Scientific United Nations Fund for Popula-briefed Hamdan on the fund's and Cultural Organisation (UN-

Sanaa seeks to acquire Jordanian expertise in housing — N. Yemeni aid

AMMAN (J.T.) - North Yemen hopes to acquire any 1989 under the co-chairs Jordanian expertise in housing operations and is interested in promoting bilateral cooperation in construction, North Yemeni Ministry of Municipalities and Housing Under Secretary Mohammad Al Ashwal said in a statement here Monday.

Speaking at a meeting with, code which provides national spe-Yousef Hiyasat, director of the cifications for all building opera-Housing Corporation, Ashwal said that North Yemen will open all channels for bitateral coopera-don with Jordan in the construc-eration Council (ACC), which tion of housing units and similar projects.

Hivasat briefed Ashwal on the corporation's plans to build units at a minimum cost using locally produced materials for the benefit of low income groups.

He said that Jordan gives due attention to housing schemes providing essential services to all its housing estates.

Under a national housing strategy, which was recently approved by the government here, the housing corporation plans to set up units around the Amman, Hiyasai ooted,

He reviewed with Ashwal development of the corporation's programmes over the years, noting that so far the corporation carried out 74 housing projects of 15,000 units estimated at JD 159 million.

Hiyasaı also briefed the North Yemeni official on progress in the production of the Jordan building

Bons in the country. North Yemen and Jordan are also groups Iraq and Egypt, and through a joint Jordanian-North Yemeni Higher Committee which meets alternatively in Sanaa and

The last meeting held in Janu-

manship of the prime musters of the two countries, resulted in a wide ranging agreement on bilateral cooperation.

Among other things, the two sides decided to exchange legislations on construction work and engineering publications dealing with public works and transport. and qualifications of engineers as well as consultancy firms.

North Yemen agreed to give Jordanian contractors favourable trealment in tenders for projects in North Yemen and to allow Jordanian engineers and contractors associations to open offices in Sanaa to study potential

N. Yemeni team visits teachers training college

AMMAN (Petra) - An educational team from North Yearen Monday visited the advanced teachers training college in Amortaand was briefed on its development and courses.

The college was created by the Ministry of Higher Education upgrade the qualifications and improve the skitts of Jordan

Another North Yemeni team, representing the Ministry Municipalities and Housing had a meeting with the deputy may of Amman Sultan Khleifat. Cooperation in municipal and c struction services between Sanaa and Amman was discussed at ... meeting. Khleifat briefed the guests on the Greater Annu-Municipality's expansion projects and various services.

RSS, bank sign accord to study economic situation in Madaba

Scientific Society (RSS) and the into the available capabilities in Cities and Villages Development Bank's Regional Development cularly investment in small and Fund (RDF) have signed an medium-size productive projects. agreement according to which the acting director of the RSS Econo-RSS will conduct a seven-month mic Research Centre, Dr. study of the economic and social Ahmad Qasem, said, situation in Madaba district while the RDF will finance the study.

This study will involve office and field works. Data available at

This study is designed to look the field of investment and parti-

concerned ministries and metaeconomic, social, health, ect. tational, and other services in the district. Furthermore, the necess of statistics regarding the number

schools, teachers, health centre. and other facilities will also q.

Seminar discusses protection of Jerash archaeological sites

AMMAN (Petra) — A seminar importance were discussed along seminar dwelt on the importance, on the archaeology of the with a number of working papers of Jerash as a source of culture.

Ancient Greco-Roman City of dealing with restoration work in and one that abounds with in-Jerash and means of protecting its the city. remains was held at the University of Jordan Monday with the the university's Scientific Reparticipation of a group of spe-search Department, referred to days before the opening of cialists in antiquities from the Jerash as serving as one of the Jerash Festival in the ancient university, the Department of focal point for the Arah and Antiquities and the private foreign countries over the past 10

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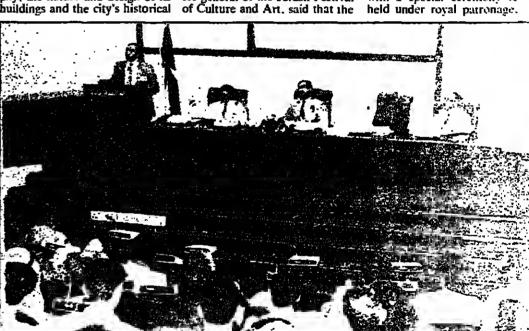
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The opening date. Wednesd. v. July 5, is expected to be marked with a special ceremony to 5%



Seminar on the archaeology of the Ancient Greco-Roman city of Jerash University of Jordan.

New software product unveiled in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — The American computer company Management Science of America (MSA) Monday launched the Brightview product range, a new software technology aimed at making main frame computers more January of this year, MSA started success, to implement their

"Brightview is the logical de-

velopment of what's been going

on in the (computer) market, said Mike Duff the director of local pariner programme of

Duff was in Jordan for a fourday cooference Monday that brought together the MSA partners from Kuwait, Ahu Dhahi, Dubai, Saudi Arabia and Jordan to discuss the applicability of Brightview in the Middle East. MSA, which is based in Atlanta. Georgia, operates in 61 countries

worldwide. According to Duff, this new development in software combines the simplicity of using a personal computer and the sophisricatedness of a complex main

terminal computer.

"Information technology by The English version of Bright- very much a competitive weapon view was launched in April this today. It's a cost cutting approach. year after six months and six that enables management to demillion dollars in research. In fine strategies, to measure their research with a dual language strategies, to set targets in terracomputer company on "Arabis- of projects and to monitor them." ing" Brightview, and according to said Duff, adding that many Duff the result of such research systems are not capable of fulfishould crystallise "in the not so ing such functions."

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Hiking for trouble

ISRAELS hikers, with or without military escort, are rozming the West Bank and Gaza Strip these days to provoke the Polestinians and escalate the already overcharged tension existing in the area. To choose these trying firmes, when the Palestinians are waging their intifada and the international community is busy searching for a mutually acceptable formula to end the Palestinian conflict is utterly irresponsible. How can Israeli leaders speak of free and democratic elections in these very territories, ostensibly to allow the people there to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination. when they orchestrate such provocative bikes right in the heart of the occupied Arab territories? How else can the Palestinians interpret such hostile actions of the Israeli government, as well as from the militant and extremist Israelis, except as a direct effort to breach all sensible attempts to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and abort even the election idea proposed by Prime Minister Shamir himself? If the ultra-right Israelis wish to stake a claim to all of Palestine and preempt even the results of the election scheme, why would the Israeli government, the champion of this election idea, act as an accomplice to these hostile forces within Israel by facilitating the execution of their antagonistic hikes across the West Bank? This state of offairs leads us to the inevitable conclusion that the Israeli establishment has never been sincere about its election ploy and that by allowing extremists to zigzag the occupied Arab territories with complete knowledge of their views and dreams, it has shown its true colour for all to see.

Surely Israel knows that such challenges as posed by the Israeli hikers will make the Palestinians all the more determined to continue their uprising until Israeli extremism is oprooted from its source. If Israel's bullets and all these shades of oppression have failed to thwart the Palestinian will to wage their releatless struggle to regain their political rights, a few hundred Israeli hikers will not either. On the contrary, the hikers will only succeed in exacerbating further the tension unhappily existing between the Paiestinians and the Israelis and undermine the opportumities for peace between them.



jordan press editorials

Al Ra'l Arabic daily on Monday commended the Central Bank of Jordan for its recent measures designed to stabilise the national currency and replenish the country's foreign exchange reserves. But it said, that what Jordan needs more at the moment is self-confidence and determination to foil what it called the black hands that try to cause harm to the Kingdom and its stability. It said that those elements working in the dark and trying to harm the national economy are very few; and there was need for national unity and an all out determination to abort such evil schemes. The paper said that the economic crisis facing Jordan at the moment has come about gradually; and it is only natural to believe that through gradual but firm steps can we overcome the negative effects and tidy the country over its present difficulties. It is natural for Jordan under the present circumstances and given the current economic and political developments in the Middle East region to be facing a hard time, the paper noted. But, it said, that five given time, pinience, perseverance and hard work, the Jordanian people can deal successfully with the situation.

A columnist in Al Ra't Ambie daily dwells in his Monday column on israel's recent deportation of a group of eight Palestinians charged with committing resistance activity against the occupation forces. Ibrahim Sakaijaa says that the Israeli action was condemned by the Arabs and the whie international community, and the question is being debated at the United Nations Security Council later Monday. One cannot predict the outcome of the coming debate and can only wonder about Washington's position this time in the light of continued U.S. support for the Jewish State, the writer notes. He says whether the council condemns or fails to condemn the atrocities of the Israeli government there is no chance at all atrocities of the Israeli government there is no chance at all for the eight Palestinians to return to their homeland; and whether the council supports the Palestinian people's struggle or not, there is no hope for stopping the Israeli inhuman actions, the demolition of homes and the killing of the inaccent women and children. Sakkijha refers to previous council resolutions which did nothing to put an end to the Israeli arbitrary actions and notes that with the power of veto, Washington is bound to continue its encouragement of the Jewish state to pursue

Saw! Al Shash daily focused its attention Monday on the situation in Lehanon where the shelling of residential areas has been stepped up despite ongoing mediation efforts to end the ordeal of the Lebanese people. The paper referred to a visit Monday to Damaseus by the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria in a fresh bid to find a formula for an end to the bloodshed. It said that on the eve of the visit, Iraq announced loud and clear that it supports the Arab League's mediation efforts and will provide all possibilties facilities to make the three ministers' mission a success. But the paper added that Iraq's contribution is not enough, and noted that cooperation on the part of Syria and the other parties in Lebanon itself is urgently required. The paper said that the civil war in Lebanon that has been simmering for the past 15 years cannot be ended overnight: and in addition to the Arab League's endeavours, individual Arab countries' cooperation and influence is needed to attain fruitful results

Weekly Political Pulse

Call Shamir's bluff

WHILE the extremists in the Likud camp are crying wolf at the thought of allowing the Palestinians to elect their own representarives and see in it a potentially fatal blow to their determination to bold on to Arab lands, Shamir is counting on Arab Palestiman rejection of the election scheme to confirm his instinct that the final stage for Palestinian determination of their future will never materialise. At the same time, what better public relations gimmick for Israel to fool the international community than to raise high the placard calling for free and democratic elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip? Afterall, who can quarrel with an offer to give the Palestinians an opportunity to freely chose their representatives? That explains in part why the international community has, by and large, voiced support for the idea provided the elections in question meet certain fundamental conditions, including bolding them in a truly free and democratic manner and away from the duress of Israeli occupation. Other caveats, added by the Arab side, include assurances that any such elections can be translated into the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
Yet, Shamir is gambling that his seemingly "attractive plan" will never get to the stage where it could pose a threat to Israel's established policy to keep physical control over Arab territories. One can almost see Shamir winking at Sharon and his clique, reassuring them that there is little to worry about, that the master plan is always in safe hands. It appears that such implicit promises are not sufficient for Sharon and like-minded Israelis, who insist on iron clad guarantees that the whole exercise will come to

Under these circumstances, would it not be more prudent of the Palestinian side to call Shamir's bluff and accept the challenge of negotiating the terms and conditions of the proposed election rather than to reject them outright? This may not be a popular choice, but it certainly would be a smart move.

If the Palestinian side would accept the idea of elections in principle and offer to negotiate the circumstances that would make such elections truly free and democratic, it would enjoy wide international support and understanding. By insisting that Israel head the results of the elections, including the projected decision to establish a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Spip, the Palestinian side stands to gain support and appreciation me well. For no true backer of free and democratic elections in the occupied Arab territories would seek to deny the voting Palesti nians the outcome of the expression of their right to self-determination in its widest and fullest dimensions.

To be sure, and as of now, Israel is in no smood to allow the process of elections to come to fruition. Shamir is betting on the Palestinian side to save him from the consequences of his gambit. One can be sure that the Likud people in the Israeli government have many surprises up their sloeves designed to sabotage the voting process in the West Bank and Gaza Strip — should worse come to worse and the Palestinians take up the Stumus challenge at face value and accept the vote proposal. But, since the whole exercise appears to be a publicity stunt, why not win it for the side of the Arabs by taking Shamir to task and playing his game?

Bush aims to encourage new trends in Poland, Hungary

By Barry Schweid The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President George Bush aims to encourage positive trends in Eastern Europe and score another foreign policy success when he visits the region this month.

Poland and Hungary, members of the Warsaw Pact military alliance, are undertaking political and economic reforms, and the president wants to lend some support when he visits the countries July 9-13.

Like most American conservatives, Bush sees a free market to "uptight" (irritated) about his economy and political freedoms developing in tandem. There are carefully, the president said be signs this is occurring on a limited scale in both Communist coun-

Bush will take with him a pack-

good management in Warsew and Budapest. Then at a July 14-16 summit meeting in Paris with the leaders of six other industrial democracies, Bush will urge others to provide backing.

The risk is that Bush might upset the Soviets. But Mikhail Gorbachev has acknowledged his own economy needs an overhaul, and he's offering the Soviet people a heady mixture of glasnost, or openness, and perestroika, or restructuring.

Bush advised the Soviet leader at a recent news conference not trip to Eastern Europe. Treading would not exhort the Poles or the Hungarians into actions that could provoke repression.

Considering Gorbachev's own

enormous cost to the Soviets of subsidising East European economies, the president is likely to succeed in his efforts to stimulate democracy.

Soviet tanks rulled into Hungary in 1956 and into Czechoslovakia in 1968 to suppress reform movements. Those movements did not have Moscow's support.

This time around, Hungary and Poland have not stepped over the line by threatening to evolve out of the Soviet orbit.

Bush described his immediate objectives this way: "I want to see a much more open Europe. And I think that the importance of the visit is along that line. It's not going to be that we're going to solve the problem of the Hungarian economy or the Polish economy.

The Heritage Foundation, a age of incentives, carefully fied to programme at bome, and the conservative think tank in

Washington, is optimistic about prospects for economic changes in Eastern Europe and wants the White House to promote the

Burton Yale Pines, the director of research, said Bush's trip could produce the first U.S. policy for Eastern Europe since World War

The United States has never had a policy toward Eastern Europe," Pines said. "We've bad ad boc responses."

Earlier trips to the region by presidents Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter were designed "to tweak" Moscow, Pines asserted. Now the circumstances are diffe-

Moscow is rethinking its role in the region, and Bush will visit at a time of enormous political, economic and cultural change. Gorbachev has offered to withdraw some troops and tanks from the East. The NATO-Warsaw Pact negotiations in Vienna could produce a wholesale reduction in

"If Soviet troops really pull out you are giving a green light to reform," Pines said.

Kim R. Holmes, director of foreign policy research at the Heritage Foundation, stressed the economic burden the East Europeans are to Moscow's own

sagging economy.
"Eastern Europe is an economic basker case, plagued with low productivity, low motivation, an increasingly obsolete industrial base, an ecological crisis and a debt to the West of over \$1 billion," he said.

According to Holmes, the Soviets spend at least \$21 billion a year for trade subsidies and credits, and economic and military aid — beyond what it costs Moscow to maintain its a balf-million

troops in East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland. - -

"Gorbschev may be willing to consider a partial and gradual disengagement from Eastern Europe in order to preserve the power of the Communist Party at nome and to concentrate on tesolving his own economic crisis."

Holmes said. What this adds up to for Bush is a unique opportunity for backte-back successes in Europe.

In May, at the NATO summit meeting in Brussels. Bush unveiled a proposal for reductions of troops, tanks, artillery and other armament in Europe, caming praise for his response to Gorbachev's own bold initiatives.

Apart from the public resultthe table in Vienna for the two alliances to work toward an accord that would require the greater arms reductions by Moscow than by Washington.

U.S. Senate's foreign relations panel stalemated

By Lawrence L. Knutson The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate committee on foreign relations, once considered a summit of U.S. legislative prestige and power, appeared mired in conflict among

In recent weeks, the committee has nouncered through pouncai disputes over several controversial ambassadorial appointments. Then it broke for a two-week recess without getting much work done on the foreign aid bill for the next two years.

Failure to make progress on the bill put into question the fate of the two-year, \$23 billion spending authorisation, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on June 29. Both the Senate and the House must adopt identical versions of the same bill for it to become law.

The House bill was whipped into shape by Dante Fascell, the grizzled chairman of the foreign affairs committee. Displaying the bite, bark and manner of a drill sergeant, the cogressman from Florida pushed the measure through.

However, Fascell's counterpart in the Senate, chairman Claiborne Pell, has been virtually the only committee member to attend meetings on the aid bill.

There is, he declared wryly, "a profound lack of interest in this Then there were holdups over

several controversial ambassadorial appointments by U.S. President George Bush which repanels approval.

Donald Gregg, the nominee to be ambassador to South Korea, was the target of a Democratic probe into allegations that he used a former position as national security adviser to Vice President Bush to belp the illegal resupply of the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

of America and the payment of millions of dollars of past-due payments to the United Nations, a course favoured by Pell.

The panel decided that the transmitters should be funded but that the money should not be taken ont of the U.N. account as Sen. Jesse Helms demanded. No one said where the money would account that is already nearly \$800 million over budget ceilings.

The committee then tried to return to the larger and more potentially controversial foreign aid hill, again.

could be mustered.

But once again, no quorum

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Gregg denied the charge and the opposition Republican Party members on the committee organised a boycott of the panel's meetings believing that Democrats were trying to fan the fading members of the Iran-contra affair and sink the Gregg nomintation.

Sen. Mitch McConnell called off the boycott after Sen. Alan Crantson, a Democrat, agreed to let the Gregg nomination go to a vote on June 20.

A tug of war has also broken Mr. Chariman. out over two competing spending priorities: The construction in Israel of two expensive broad-

Many observers say that the panel's member is not its chairman but Helms who, as the ranking Republican member, is the architect of his own highly con-

foreign policy.

Pell, aided by his fellow Democrats, bas managed to hold firm against Helms' determined and imaginative tactics. But Helms has more than once growled, "don't you try to railroad me,

servative, highly anti-Communist

Helms fiercely opposed Senate ratification of the U.S.-Soviet medium-range missile treaty two casting transmitters for the Voice years ago. During the panel's

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lengthy consideration of it, senior Democrats made sure one of all of them were present to rebut his assertions and attempt to overcome his tactics.

Helms also has engaged in a long-running battle with the State Department, drawing criticism for allegedly delaying diplomatic nominations in order to gain leverage in battles over foreign policy.

The committee, many of its critics say, has seen brighter days. The names of such postwar chairman as Arthur Vandenburg. J. William Flubright and Frank Church have been central to the shaping of American foreign policy.

The committee's influence bas been slipping since Fulbright's chairmanship in the early 1970s with the exception of a brief renaissance when Sen. Richard Lugar beaded the panel for two years beginning in 1985. During the Lugar years, fore-

ign aid legislation marched with unaccustomed ease through the Congress, a consensus was won on controversial sanctions against white-ruled South Africa, and Lugar helped change U.S. policy toward dictatorial rule in the Phi-

But that was a brighter-thanusual period in the committee's long decline.

LETTERS-

Undisciplined desires

To the Editor:

IF cigarette smoking produces a degeneration of the cells of the brain, the taking of narcotics and intoxicants wrecks the nervous system and causes cancer, tuberculosis, heart ailments, and ducks who practice such umatoral stimulants. Tolstoy once said: Why do men stupefy with tobacco?"

A heavy smoker, a light smoker, and a nonsmoker were provided with brand new cars of the same trademark, the same model. and the same horsepower. The three were ordered to drive their cars at a maximum speed of 40 kilometre per hour from a common starting point. After they had driven their cars for a distance of one kilometre, barricades were thrown in their route at a distance of three yards. The heavy smoker, unable to control his car, hit the barricade with a terrific blow that his car was a total loss, a heap of metal; the light smoker hit the barricade with less ferocity, and his car was slightly damaged; the nonsmoker applied his brakes, stopped his car in due course, and escaped unharmed.

This example illustrates the menacing effect of smoking on brain cells, on eyesight, and on nerve cells, called neurones. For if a person smokes a pack a day,

that person inhales 400 milligrams of nicotine a week. That much in a single dose would kill that person instantly.

Our legislative assembly ought to legislate against the driving of -: any type of vehicle on our roads by heavy smokers and drug addicts: venereal diseases to those lame. As regards light smokers, they should be prohibited from driving school buses.

The chain-smoker suffers from chronic tired feeling or fatigue. Therefore, it is not enough to prohibit smoking in public places: and on public conveyances. endanger the lives of innocent. citizens by driving their vehicles negligently or reckiessly. Every driver should be subjected to a rigorous and comprehensive medical examination before a driving licence is issued to him if we are to reduce the increasing number of accidents and traffic offences.

As parents and teachers, God will hold us responsible if we fail to discipline the natural and unnatural desires of our children. If we are to live abundantly, and if we are aiming at building a healthy, energetic, and vigorous society, then the first step to take is to discipline our bodily desires and those of our children.

George N. Saig

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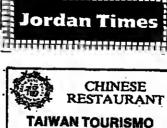
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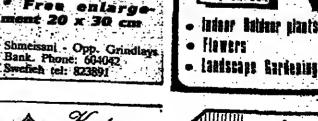
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roducers battle for rain forest hero tale

LLYWOOD - In a village p in the South American rain st where trees tower over iden honses and shabby efronts to form a leafy opy, a group of Brazilian our organisers and environstalists will meet soon to dethe fate of one of the most eted film projects in recent lywood history.

he Brazilians who gather in ouri, a village near the western e of Brazil, hold the rights to story of Chico Mendes, a sant who captured the world's ntion with his attempts to : Brazil's rain forests from ig destroyed.

1 the six months since Mendes gunned down in his back yard allegedly by local ranching rests — his story has been sued by such entertainment vyweights as Robert Redford, en Spielberg, David Puttnam Ted Turner.

roducers and directors have :ked to Rio Branco, a frontier n that requires a seven-hour it with three stopovers from de Janeiro, to lobby Mendes' ow and his followers. They e flown in Portuguese and mish versions of their movies. y have offered to pay for idwide TV commercials to mote preservation of the rain st. And, one by one, they e dangled hundreds of usands of dollars in front of ades' family and the foundathat bears his name. We've all seen bidding wars

on scripts," said leading artists agent Robert L. Stein. "But in 21 years in the business I can't recall the kind of Innacy that has taken place on this one. The players are international players. It's com-petition on a global level."

Two of Stein's clients are on Puttnam's team: Chris Menges, a former cinematographer (The Killing Fields) who made his directing debut last year with the anti-apartheid film A World Apart, and the respected documentary maker Adrian Cowell, who was doing a film on Mendes when he was murdered. Warner Bros., under its production agreement with Puttnam's Enigma Productions Company, is backing this group.

Puttnam's principal competitors are: - Robert Redford, who has drafted Brazilian actress Sonia Braga (whom he directed in The Milagro Beanfield War) to smooth the way with the local population. Redford has proposed doing two projects: a feature that would be financed by 20th Century Fox and directed by Steven Spielberg, and a second project through his own production company.

— Cable TV mogul Ted Tur-

ner, who is already producing a documentary on Mendes' death or air on his cable superstation TBS in October. Turner is now seeking rights for a made-for-TV

- The British film distributor Goldcrest Co., which has promised that Costa-Gavras (Missing, Betrayed) would direct its film. Jon Peters and Peter Guber,



ante in the competition.

Chico Mendes

who have produced such films as Batman, the box-office hit Rainman, and Gorillas in the Mist abont anthropologist Dian

- J.N. Filmes, a Brazilian company whose principal partner is the son of the late Nelson Rodrigues, one of the country's most celebrated playwrights. J.N. Filmes has made four feature films since 1982.

The race for the rights to

Alan U. Schwartz, a Los Angeles attorney retained by the Chico Mendes' story appeared to end, if only momentarily, June 7 when J.N. Filmes host-Mendes Foundation in April to broker the influx of movie proped a press conference in osais. Schwartz's view is shared Rio de Janeiro to announce that by other leaders of the foundait had acquired the rights to Mendes' story from his young widow, Ilzamar. But the tion, which is administering the

announcement merely raised the the key to cooperation from friends, family and followers. "Ilzamar Mendes had signed this agreement with J.N. Filmes The film makers pursuing Mendes' story appear to have stumbled onto a power struggle without authorisation," argued

rights to Mendes' story and holds

that Mendes left when he died. "Ouite frankly, it's not simply a matter of these deals, Schwartz said. "It's also a matter of where the authority of the movement should lie."

Mendes' widow is president of the foundation's board, but she sits on the board with representatives of six different union. Environmental and Indian organisations, each of which has a vnice in the direction of the movement. Ilzamar's agreement with J.N. Filmes surprised many of those representatives.

In a phone interview Jofre Rodrigues, the main partner in J.N. Filmes, insisted that his agreement with Mendes' widow was "binding." He added, "We made a perfect contract, so perfect that it is irreversible."

Rodrigues said that his company has already made payments to Ilzamar Mendes, as well as Mendes' first wife and daughter. And J.N. Filmes had signed up the successful Brazilian novelist Marcio Souza to write a screenplay for the movie.

The foundation's leaders were scheduled to meet in Xapuri this week to discuss whether to ratify the J.N. Filmes deal, to dismiss it in favour of another proposal, or. in the most likely scenario, to appoint a major Hollywood film maker as a partner with J.N.

It is not just Mendes' life that has generated so much interest in Hollywood, it is also his stature as a hero, and now martyr, of the environmental movement.



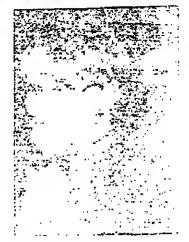
Robert Redford

'The environment has become a very hot issue here," Schwartz said. "You've got this very fashinnable issue and (Mendes' story) is a direct focal point for it. In a very visual way, you can make a story about it."

Mendes started organising tocal peasants in the 1970s because he wanted to preserve a way of life for the thousands of rubber tappers who, like himself, earned a meager living by extracting latex from the forest's rubber

As his work gained international recognition, environmentalists concerned about the destruction of the rain forest by settlers and ranchers supported his efforts. Environmental experts point to widespread burning of the rain forests as a key ingredient in the Greenhouse" effect, or global warming that results from excess carbon dioxide in the atmos-

Thomas Belford, an executive from Turner Broadcasting who

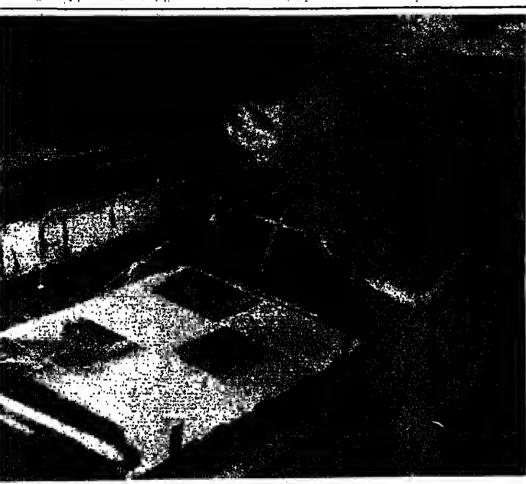


Steven Spiciberg

visited Rio Branco to present the Turner proposal for a To move. said that the locals seemed utumpressed by the attention that He'lywood was levishing upon them. "A lot of tuney names were

being thrown around." he said. "But it's not like they at ordated reading the Hollywood reporter... While they were contain it terested in our crecentials appeared that one of their greater concerns was whether the mansage (of the film) would be turnful to his goals and his like So beslegea was the Mende. foundation by film makers that it April Schwartz was nikethrough American envir ness talists, to gather all the film or a

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By Pascale Teinac

RIS - La Pierre-qui-Vire, in heart of Romanesque Burdy, is an abbey unlike any er. Nearly forty years ago, a nks (distant descendants of monks who copied or illumin-1 manuscripts in the Middle es) started on an extraordinary enture called "Zodiaque". il lovers of Romanesque art d they are more and more nerous today) knnw the odiaque" publishing lahel ch covers an anthology (uni-in the world) of the splenits of Romanesque Europe :hitecture, sculpture and paint) from the timest chapels in land or Italy to the most sumpus cathedrals in France or gland, and including frescoes Catalonia. But few people w that it is still monks who gle with modern techniques of nography. printing, composi-1, reproduction, and into the gain, the financial difficulties

nny publishing house. The Zodiaque adventure began 1950, when three young monks m the Abbey of La Pierre-quie (including the present direc-of Zodiaque, Dom Angebno rchamp, himself an abstract nier and a student of Albert cizes') were asked to paint the scoes for the abbey's chapel i then for the refectory. t was at the period when, after years of war and occupation, Romanesque basilica of

zelay, close to La Pierre-quire, was once more beginning to iw crowds of visitors. It was n the time when religious art I modern art were beginning to : acquainted and when great atemporary artists such as trisse, Chaguil and Cocteau re starting to decorate places wership.

The three painter-monks theo d the idea of putting on exhibius of contemporary religious in the sumptious setting of gelay. The first reaction of the blic was mitigated, and to such

Surchamp thought it useful to give visitors who were shocked by what they saw, the text of a brief "Note on Abstract Art" which be had written for the Abbey's magazine. Strangely enough, this text, which was printed by a friend, became Zodiaque's first pam-phlet, the second being devoted to the "Agony of Religious Art".

It was only in the third pamphlet, dealing with Antun Cathedral which had just found the Christ's head from its famous spandrel, that Romanesque art, which was going to establish the reputation of the Zodiaque editions, made

its appearance. Then other Romanesque pamphlets followed, on Burgundy, Tournus, Vezelay, etc, printed at the Ahbey on equipment bought second-hand in 1950. The monks played a real financial balancing act, at that time, paying for the production of past issues with money from readers subscriptions for future issues. It was the bookseller in Tournus who had the idea of putting all the pam-phlets devoted to these Romanes-que Burgundy buildings in a single illustrated and bound volume.

Thus "Bourgogne Romane" was born. It was the first volume of a collection which, today, numbers over 150 titles covering Romanesque or pre-Romanesque art in France (35 volumes), in Spain "(10 volumes), Italy (8 volumes), Ireland, Scandinavia, Switzerland, England, Scotland, Portugal and even the Holy Land. Books on Belgium and Germany have been announced. Zodiaque has also published sumptuous books on Saint Benedict, patron of the Benedic-tines, on monastic Europe, Mus-lim Europe, the Lombards, Chartres Cathedral and the rock churches of Ethiopia, as well as more general works such as the Glossary of Technical Terms of Romanesque Art and the Lexicon of Symbols and Studies on Romanesque cloisters, crypts, Virgins and Christs.



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The International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP) has compiled a list of endangered birds, but resources available for rescue and conservation are thinly spread. The ICBP regards birds as a sensitive indicator of the state of the global environtn target priority areas.

Threatened birds are the immediate beneficiaries of the ICBP, but 9,000 species of bird are at risk of its conservation work extensis

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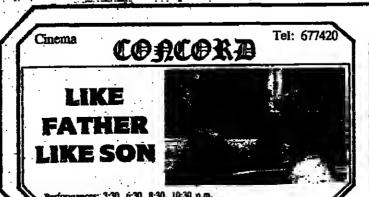
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Jordanian-Syrian committee opens talks in Damascus

DAMASCUS (J.T.) — A joint Jordanian-Syrian committee grouping ministers and senior officials Monday embarked on a two-day meeting here to pave the way for a joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee meeting scheduled to start Sunday.

Ziyad Innah and his Syrian counterpart Antoin Juhran are heading the two teams for talks that cover a wide range of subjects including trade, industry, tourin addition to joint progress in the

Industry and Trade Minister and maritime transport, energy and electricity.

In its first meeting, the committee reviewed the implementation of resolutions taken by the High-Committee during its meeting ism, information and agriculture in Amman last Fehruary and expressed satisfaction with the work of joint companies in land progress of work in various fields.

Sunday evening, Innab said that the committee will prepare a comprehensive report on its work and proposed recommendations on future plans to the Higher Committee which is co-chaired by the Syrian and Jordanian prime

The Higher Committee, which met in Amman in February, decided on a 12 point programme to promote cooperation between the two countries ranging from electricity and trade to agricul-

ture and pharmaceuticals.

In thier drive to promote bi-

Upon his arrival in Damascus lateral cooperation, the two sides programme for the implementanoo of a 1987 agreement on tourism, and agreed to study the prospect of setting up a joint company for investments and hotel management.

Jordan and Syria jointly operate the white cement industry, a pesticide plant and a carpeting industry as well as a land transport company and a free zone area near the common border.

The Jordanian side to the current committee talks in Damascus included Ministry of Industry and



Ziyad Innab

Trade Secretary-General Mohammad Saqqaf. Jordan's amhassador to Syria Naver Al Hadid and Hassan Al Samman from the Central Bank of Jordan.

Gorbachev, Ligachev differ on agricultural strategy chance to concentrate on private plots," Gorbachev told a Moscow

officials and farm experts.

meeting attended by senior Com-

munist Party and government

He said the full potential of the

They are frightened... by any-

through such policies, but ac-

MOSCOW (R) - Kremlin lead-er Mikhail Gorbachev and his agriculture chief Yegor Ligachev differed sharply at the weekend over how to solve growing food shortages - one of the most serious economic problems facing the Soviet Union.

While Gorbachev urged sup-port for private land-leasing to boos: output, Ligachev, long-regarded as a standard bearer for conservatism in the ruling Polithuro, reiterated his commitment to the state and collective farm

"We have now formed a general policy — to give people the

system

sponsibility." Gorbachev said. Agricultural problems have reached a point of near crisis, with shortages of staple goods all over the country and widespread

practice.

Much of the problem lies in poor storage and distribution. Soviet experts say up to a third of all produce grown in state farms rots before it reaches the con-

Arab Emirates (UAE) plans to

cut oil output in July by 100,000

barrels per day (b/d) from recent

levels as a new OPEC sales agree-

ment takes effect, an oil newslet-

The Cyprus-based Middle East

Economic Survey (MEES) said

the UAE would produce 1.51

million bid in July after averaging

1.61 million in the last three

MEES quoted a senior Abu

Dhabi oil official as saying last week, "Abu Dhabi will definitely

ter said Monday.

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UAE to cut oil production

NICOSIA (R) - The United decrease production in July."

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leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on

the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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The official news agency. TASS, reporting both specches in full, quoted Ligachev as saving he still believed in the collective. farm system as the hackbone of Soviet agriculture.

Now we must put this into "It's no secret that the country is suffering from widespread shortages ... some predict famine in a couple of years and say that land could only be achieved cused some rural officials of the only way to avoid it is to do showing reluctance to adopt new away with the state and collective farms, to hand out the land to the

thing that makes them take reland and all means of production. "But it turns out that the huge majority of peasants don't actual. ly want to take the land and leave the collective and state farms.

peasants, to denationalise the

The party leadership has sought to pay down differences between Gorbachev and Ligachev, but their previous speeches on agriculture have re-vealed markedly divergent views.

MEEs said its own research

showed Abu Dhabi planned out-

put of 1.1 million h/d in July,

down from what it said was an

average of 1.2 million in the

second quarter. Output in Dubai, the other significant UAE pro-

ducer, had been a steady 410,000

gave the UAE a sales quota for

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An OPEC meeting last month

Panel recommends drastic reflow of funds to developing countries



Helmut Schmidt

BONN, West Germany (AP) -Industrialised nations should drastically increase aid to Third World economies to help them overcome staggering debt burdens, said a report released Monday.

The report also said the United States can play a key role in solving the \$1.3 trillion Third World debt problem by reducing its massive fiscal and current account deficits.

The recommendations were made in a report prepared by former West German chancellor Helmut Schmidt and a group of independent experts formed in 1988 by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Develop-

The panel said that in the last live years, developing countries have suffered from a reverse flow of funds, meaning that more capital has left those countries than has come in.

The net flow of investment from industrialised countries to developing countries dropped to \$10 billion in 1986 from \$20 billion in 1982, the report said.

To counter this trend, the report says "sizeable amounts of official development assistance (ODA) are urgently needed" to

start and support the self-sustaining economic growth essential to developing countries' efforts to free themselves from the deht

The Schmidt plan calls for doubling ODA loans provided by industrialised countries in the next five years. It also suggests study of a "mechanisms of automaticity" that would gradually let each donor country's ODA loans increase as a percentage of gross national product.

The Schmidt panel specifically focuses on the plight of the poorest dehtor nations, mostly located in sub-Saharan Africa. For these countries, it recommends the establishment by the industrialised nations of a \$1 billion endowment fund that would be administered by the African development Bank.

develop national professional, technological and managerial

The fund would be used to

leadership pools. The group said a recent novel port says.

which calls for voluntary debt reduction programmes by commercial hank lenders, can probably only succeed in close cooperation with the International Monetary Fund and the World

Secretary Nicholas Brandy,

The Schmidt panel urged the two international lending institunons to set up a new facility funded by voluntary contribunons from the industrialised

commercial hanks that don't want to reduce debt owed to them and don't want to provide fresh money to developing countries should be asked to accept repayment of part of the interest due to them in local currencies, the report says. The panel stresses that U.S.

hudget and trade imhalances should be asked to accept repayment of part of the interest due to them in local currencies, the re-

The panel stresses that U.S. hudget and trade imhalances should be reduced because they keep interest rates high and continue to attract a large part of the world's capital formation, drawing funds from surplus countries like Japan and West Germany that could otherwise have been channeled to developing coun-

It calls on the United States to eliminate its federal budget deficit within four years.

The panel stressed the importance of free trade to the world economy and urged industrialised countries to substantially reduce all non-tariff barriers in the next five years. It called for the elimination of all tariff barriers in 10

The group expressed hope that a normalisation of relations between the United States and the Soviet Union would lead to lower Worldwide military expenditures. which could free up funds for productive purposes.

Recession fears grow as industrial U.S.

base weakens

WASHINGTON (R) — After six and a half years of growth, there are ominous signs that the U.S. economy may be slipping into recession.

The latest danger signal was hoisted Friday when Washington announced a 2.5 per cent fall in orders received from American factories.

"If this becomes a continuing long-term trend, we could move into a recession," said economist Jean Sundria of Evans Economics in Washington.

Pessimists fear that the economy, already constrained by tight consumer spending because of the cost of credit, may see basic manufacturing weaken to a point where recession could set in

The stock market expressed its fear of a recession last week in a sell-off that sent the Dow Jones industrial average down sharply in three consecutive sessions sign the Federal Reserve (Fed) Board could ill afford to ignore, economists said.

They said the Fed, the U.S. central bank, may react to the weak economic news by easing interest rates slightly after its policy-making board, the Federal Open Market Committee, meets Wednesday and Thursday for the first time since mid-May.

The Fed has kept a tight on credit over the past year to fight inflation, which is now running at a yearly rate of 6.7 per

Faced with weak growth, the Fed reversed its policy and cased interest rates slightly last month but it was not enough to prevent

the bearish turn in the stock market.

The selling mood gripped Wall Street after the government Wednesday reported a steep 1.2 per cent drop for May in its key gauge of future economic growth, the index of leading indicators. The weak May factory orders figure was another warning sign.

Some analysts said investors sold stock because they doubt that the Fed will lower interest rates enough to stimulate the economy and future earnings.

But economists believe it may slightly lower the federal funds rate, an overnight lending rate between banks, next week from the current 9.5 per cent to stimulate growth. Lower interest rates would cer-

tainly be welcomed by the Bush administration, which does notwant to lose the momentum of six and a half years of economic The Fed has been navigating

the economy between the twin dangers of inflation on one side and recession on the other. The aim is to achieve slow growth and modest inflation, what is known as a soft landing.

They'll be walking a fine line and try to keep the economy going, and now it would appear they are less concerned about inflation than they are about growth," said economist Kathryn Kobe of the Washington forecasting firm Joel Popkin and Co.

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World Bank lending hits new record WASHINGTON (R) — The address issues of population planamounted to \$3.8 billion from

World Bank, pledging a new commitment to the developing world, said Sunday that total new loans approved for the year ended June 30 were a record \$21.4 billion compared with \$19.2 billion for the prior year.

In a briefing for reporters, officials said they anticipated that tional \$1.75 billion in the current fiscal year.

Noting that content of bank activity was more important than the amount of money that is lent, bank officials said that "growth alone does not necessarily reduce

poverty."
The officials said the bank is in the midst of a major expansion of programmes that will invest directly in what it called human capital — in education, health, nutrition, and in efforts to

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ning and the enhancement of the role of women. Bank officials said that total

bank loans in the year just com-pleted amounted to \$16.4 billion compared with \$14.7 billion in the prior fiscal year. Total credits approved under

the International Development money available on essentially an interest-free basis to the very poorest countries, were \$4.9 billion compared with \$4.5 billion.

Bank funds actually disbursed in the year just ended amounted to \$11.6 hillion, identical with last year, while IDA dishursements

\$3.4 billion. Bank senior vice president for

operations Moeen Qureshi. speaking with reporters, also said that bank loans to the highly indebted countries amounted to 48 per cent of total loans in the year just ended compared with 43 per cent in the prior year.

percentage commitment would be made this year.

He said the bank goes into the final decade of this century in strong shape.

"There is a new momentum to our operational work today," he

anila wants more aid

TOKYO (AP) - An internation- government. al conference aimed at solidifying aid to the Philippines opened Monday with a plea from the Manila government for continued help "to provide a better life for our people" and to strengthen

Philippine Finance Secretary Vicente Jayme told delegates from 18 other countries and seven international organisations that President Corazon Aquino's administration is implementing wide economic and social re-

When the conference ends Wednesday, pledges of up to \$10 billion in aid over five years are to be made in what is being called a "Marshall Plan" to strengthen

Jayme said the Philippine economy has been growing at six per cent annually for two years, and the government is improving its management of development

projects and foreign deht, cur-rently a heavy \$28 billion. "It is our hope and expectation that the donor community will respond in good measure to the challenge of assisting in our efforts to provide a better life for our people in the years ahead, and allow the Philippines to strengthen its democranc way of life and preserve our freedoms," Jayme said.

A Japanese foreign ministry official, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity, said Japan Mrs. Aquino's three-year-old agreed with an assessment given

to the conference by the Asian Development Bank that the Philippines has made tremendous efforts but many problems re-

Jayme said in his speech that 49 per cent of the population lives below the poverty line - an improvement from 59 per cent in

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Toyota considers building

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TOKYO (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp., Japan's largest car maker is considering building a car engine plant in Britain, where it already plans to construct a \$1.2

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billion auto plant.

"The feasibility study is nearing its final stage," focusing on selecting a site for a new engine plant in Britain, said a Toyota official who spoke anonymously.
The Nihon Keizai Shimbun,

the nation's top economic news-paper, has said the new 30-bil-lion-yen (\$205 million) plant would probably be located in northern Wales. It said Toyota was negotiating terms for a con-tract and would decide by early July on the location for the pro-

Toyota announced earlier this year that it will build the com-

pany's first passenger car plant in Europe, located in the northern England town of Burnaston, to begin operation in 1992. The new assembly plant will eventually produce 200,000 subcompact cars a year and hire about 3,000

Toyota officials have said the local content ratio at the new plant is expected to be 80 per

Toyota also said it has recently received permission from the Pakistan government for a joint venture project to produce pasnger cars in that Asian country, the official said.

The official said his company would carry out a feasibility study on launching a car-manufacturing project with the Habib Group, 2 major Pakistani business con-

Britons, Saudis to make car batteries

RIYADH (R) — Chloride Group PLC of Britain is forming a joint venture with Saudi Arabia's National Industrialisation Company (NIC) to build a car battery plant, a NIC spokesman has said, Rayes Al Rayes said the 52 million rivals (\$13.9 million) plant was scheduled to produce 500,000 car batteries annually, a quarter of the kingdom's needs. Other types of batteries may be produced later. The U.K. firm will hold a 30 per cent share and NIC 70 per cent. No contract has yet been awarded to build the plant for the joint venture, to be known as the National Battery Manufacturing Company. The plant should be on-line by the middle of 1991,

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3U wins Olympics ter losing Wimbledon

has secured the television to the next Olympic Games ther major sporting events losing rights to the wimbletennis championship to a etitor, president Albert ff said Sunday.

reported as the 40-member ended its two-day annual ng that the union bas ac-3 rights for the 1992 Winter . pics at Albertville, France, immer games in Barcelona, 994 Winter Games at Lille-European soccer cham-

hips and the finals of the 1996 European Cups. ac general assembly unanily accepted all the contracts we concluded in the past few hs and also provided cost

ntees." Scharff said. tville Games, \$75 million arcelona and \$24 million for lämmer.

rights for the 1992 Eurosoccer championships cost iss francs (\$31 million) and 996 event 30 million Swiss s (\$50 million). : union links 40 broadcast-

impanies in Western Europe he Mediterranean and seeks iter cooperation and protect pers' interests on an internal level.

harff, head of West Ger-'s ALD' network, said: ibledon as an exceptional though this may happen because there are so many casters now... bere's a fierce, very tough

ASSOL. Cyprus (AP) — competition on such rights now. European Broadcasting Un— It may very well be that from time It may very well be that from time to time somebody else will be able, and willing, to pay more

> "In the case of Wimbledon we had offered five times more than last year. Scharff said.

and offered eight times more. It of the story.

tournaments with the same playdon't.".

The report said Wimbledon "was a lost battle which shows how the audiovisual picture has changed in Europe... the EBU is no longer in the position it occupied before, where it represented

· Scharff said that the special television sports channel operated by the EBU; known as Eurosports, "is working and is apparently very attractive in the eyes of the audience. It's very

. But he added that it faced legal and technical problems connected with Enropean antimonopoly "legislation, which I hope we will soon solve."

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rying to work out the play of a I when the spot cards are given un "x" can be an exhausting cise. Quite often which spot a er possesses can be critical, as the case here.

Old North's enterprising raise 10 e diamonds with an honor in ner's suit and a king and ruffing e outside. As it happens, the was unnecessary, but fine techthan we do," he noted.

Nevertheless somebody came was then that our members said, deliberately, well that's the end

"Wimbledon is a replaceable sport. There are so many tennis ter, Norway, the 1992 and ers, the same quality. But it's different with the Olympic Games. You either have it or you

The report submitted to the general assembly by the union's administrative council said that efter the loss of Wimbledon, the EBU was able "to react rapidly a EBU paid 27 million Swiss and firmly with regard to the s (\$45 million) for the most important sporting events which were being coveted by newcomers."

all broadcasters in our region."

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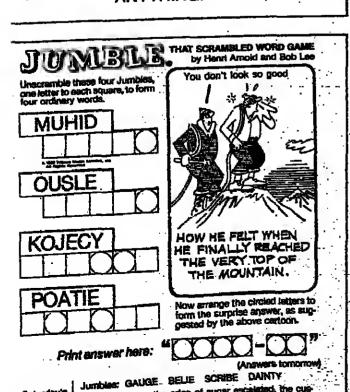
West led the king of clubs and continued with the queen. Since declarer would have to lose a spade as well, he would need to bring in the trump suit without loss to make his contract. East's three no trump made it a near certainty that he held the king of diamonds, so the finesse was sure to succeed. However, the only entry to dommy was a heart ruff, and the trump finesse would probably have to be repeated.

When these cards were held by

the great French player, Dr.: Georges Theron, he found a deceptively simple way to land his con-tract. He ruffed the second club with the seven of trumps! After cashing two top hearts, he led a low rufting with the eight, forcing de-clarer to overruff with the queen. Now Theron's foresight at trick two paid handsome dividends. He led the six of diamonds from the board and, when East followed with the two, declarer was able to underplay the four and remain in dummy! A repeat finesse enabled declarer to pick up the king and bring home his doubled game.

THE BETTER HALF, By Harris

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When the price of sugar escalated, the cus-tomers did this—RAISED "CANE"

SPORTS IN BRIEF

DA SILVA WINS FIRST STAGE OF TOUR DE FRANCE - Acacio Da Silva of Portugal moved into the overall lead in the 76th Tour De France bicycle race Sunday by winning the 135-kilometre (34-mile) first stage through the Duchy of Luxembourg. A second stage, a team time trial, was scheduled for later Sunday. The competition, a 3,250-kilometre (2,020-mile) race that ends July 23 in Paris, opened Saturday with a prologue won by Eric Breukink of the Netherlands. Breukink, however, finished far back in the first leg Sunday and dropped out of the top 10 in the overall standings. His overall leader's yellow jersey went to Da Silva. Denmark's Soren Lilholt trailed De Silva by 13 seconds in the overall standings with Roland Leclerc of France 1:54 back. Pedro Delgado, the defending champion from Spain, was still near the end of the standings after starting nearly three minutes bebind. He arrived at the starting line late for the prologue Saturday and was placed last. In the first stage, Da Silva, Lilholt and Leclerc made an early breakaway that eventually built up to more than 11 minutes ahead of the pack at the 100kilometre (62.6-mile) mark. The gap narrowed to four minutes at the end. But the race was decided in the last hill, as Da Silva moved away to an eight-second victory over Lilholt in 3 hours, 21 minutes, 36 seconds. Leclerc was third with Belgium's Etienne De Wilde and Ireland's Sean Kelly leading the pack 4:40 behind the leaders. (AP)

SOUTH KOREA, IRAN DOMINATE THREE-DAY EVENT - Iran and South Korea dominated the 6th Asian Amateur Wrestling Championships, winning six titles each in bouts that ended Sunday in Oharai, Japan. South Korean wrestlers also captured five silver and four bronze medals and won the Greco-Roman atyle team title in the three-day championships at Oharai Undokoen Gym. northeast of Tokyo. Iran won the freestyle team championship. Japan took four golds, four silvers and five bronzes, and Mongolia earned three golds, one silver and two bronzes. In the Greco-Roman 68-kilogramme (150-pound) division, Japan's Yasuhiro Ohkubo upset South Korea's Seoul Olympic silver medallist Kim Sung-Moon on cautions. Olympic bronze medallist Kim Sang-Kyu of South Korea took the 82-kilogramme title beating Jasim Brisam of Iran. In the freestyle

57-kilogramme class, South Korean Noh Kwong-Sun, another Olympic bronze medallist, won on a decision against Asgari Mohammadian of Iran. There was competition in 10 weight classes in each free and Greco-Roman style wrestling, but in the Greco-Roman competition, there was no champion in the 48-kilogramme-(105-pound) class. Masanori Ohashi of Japan and Kwon Duk-Yong of South Korea fought to a scoreless draw in the final, and both were given silver medals. (AP)

> MARTIN WINS MARATHON BY A HEAD - Juma Ikangaa of Tanzania won the men's race in meet record time while Australian Lisa Martin edged Japan's Chieko Matsukawa for the women's title in the times Sapporo half-marathon Sunday in Japan, After running shoulder to shoulder with Japan's Kenji lde. Ikangaa spurted with four kilometres (2.5 miles) left and crossed the finish line 35 seconds ahead of compatriot Simon Mrashani. Ikangaa covered 21,0975 kilometres (13,98 miles) in 1 hour. 2 minutes. 56 seconds, against Mrashani's 1:03:31. Japan's Taisuke Kodawa was third in 1:03:42, followed by Hirofumi Yoneda in 1:03:47. Ide finished fifth in 1:03:59. In the women's race, Martin. the marathon silver medallist in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, and two Japanese - Matsukawa and Sachiko Yamashita - entered the stadium together for the last 580 metres. Martin edged Matsukawa at the finish line. (AP)

> > FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JULY 4, 1989

YOUR HOROSCOPE

by Thomas Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This Independence Day can be an exciting time with planty of opportunity to learn and explore. Love interests strengthen. The home environment can hold surprises.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contique with your current, positive at-titude for success. News comes from a distance. There is plenty to discuss this evening. Jealousy can exist over a partner'a successful activities. Build trust

and emphasize the tender side of a leve relationsh GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Your eyes are fixed on some fast cash. Take the leap, but avoid outright gambling. Stick to com-mon sense financial procedures.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You make new starts this week if you can muster up the initiative. Even a bad choice out well. Try your ruck with Cupid.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A
misunderstanding heals. Forget the
past and put it behind you. Give a

little more when a sacrifice is called for. You win in the end! VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You may not be giving yourself credit where credit is due. Recognize your own wisdom and talents. Give siblings more time and attention. siblings more time and attention. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Someone with a stubborn attitude

will bend a little now. Pressures exist trying to meet a deadlina. Give homelie greater attention. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your domestic life receives a plea-east reorganization during the next

financial matters is strong. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec 211 New business pegotiations are favorable. You have lots of enthusiasm and motivation. Keep restless irritability in check. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

You can have success where others fail. You gain from reading, cor-respondence, and verbal chit-chat. Expect positive financial surprises. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)
'It may be difficult to keep promises made today. You have more work

than you can finish. There is success in small things.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)
Fight off negative thinking. The future holds bright opportunity.

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THE Daily Crossword by Dorothea E. Shipp

WIMBLEDON

Chang forced out; seeds struggle

LONDON (R) - Seventeen-year-old Michael Chang, who became the youngest ever winner of a grand slam tournament when he triumphed in the French Open last month, fell in the fourth round at-Wimbledon Monday, crushed by the powerful grasscourt game of fellow-American Tim Mayotte.

Bradenton, Florida, won 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 to reach the Wimbledon quarter-finals for the sixth time since his first visit here in 1981. He will now play title-holder Stefan Edberg of Sweden, who beat 16th-seeded Amos Mansdorf 6-4.

The grass courts of the All England Club are a favourite playground for Mayotte, suiting his heavy-hitting und volleying strength in the forecourt.

For all his resilience as a competitor, the ninth-seeded Chang. a backcourt player, was always likely to be vulnerable and so it proved as he salvaged only seven games in a one-sided contest.

In the women's singles. Martina Navratilova reached the quarter-finals here for the 15th year in a row but was the only surviving seed in the bortom half of the draw after Helena Suktwa and Mary Joe Fernandez, the sixth and 12th seeds, both lost,

Navratilova, the second seed who is seeking a record ninth singles title here, scored her 29th win in 36 meetings with Hana Mandlikova of Australia, the 14th seed, her superior serveand-volley game seeing her through 6-3, 6-2,

French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez. 17, of Spain, beaten in the first round on her two previous Wimhledon visits. joined Navratilova in the last eight with a 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 win over American 15th seed Lori McNeil.

But elsewhere, particularly in the women's competition, seeds struggled to survive, and more often than not failed to do so, Czechoslovak Sukova, a serve-

Mayotte, the eighth seed, from and-volleyer who would have expected to take her appointed place in the last eight, was beaten by unseeded Swede Catarina Lindavist, whose 6-4, 7-6 win put her into the quarter-finals here for the second time. She reached

the same stage in 1986.
Fernandez's defeat was less surprising, the sturdy grass-court game of unseeded South Afri-can Ros Fairbank, a Wimbledon quarter-finalist last year, eventually overwhelming her. Fuirbank won 6-4, 2-6, 6-11, conceding just seven points in the deciding

Fairbank will now play Lindqvist for a place in the semifinals against either Navratilova or unseeded American Greichen Magers, who won her fourth-round match against Joanne Fault of Australia 6-7, 6-1, 6-0.

The rout of the women's seeds continued when Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia disappeared from the top half of the women's draw. unseeded Italian Laura Golarsa heating the 10th seed 7-6. 2-6.

Navratitova, ranked in the top four of women's tennis since 1975, remains one of the fittest and best-prepared players on the circuit, and against Mandlikova she made this tell.

In terms of ability, there is little to choose hetween the two players hut Navratilova's physical and mental strength make her a far more dangerous competitor and nearly all the close games, of which there were several, went her way.

Navratilova hroke for a 4-2 lead in the first set, was broken herself in the next game but



Michael Chang in action

immediately re-established her two-game advantage, capturing Mandlikova's service a second time with a wickedly-angled hackhand cross-court return and a forehand down the line.

She served out the set and from I-0 down in the second, won five games in a row to give Mandlikoca no way back into the match.

Sanchez, deprived of the big crowds she loves by being put on court 14, suffered a lapse of concentration against McNeil when she was serving for the first set. Though she broke straight back to take the set, the Spaniard let her game slip in the second.

She had to come back from 15-40 to hold her second service game and was then broken twice in succession as McNeil began to play Sanchez at her own game, chasing every ball around the

But an argument between the two players as Sanchez served at the start of the deciding set fitted the Spanish teenager back into winning mode

McNeil had hit the ball twice on one shot. McNeil demed the charge and the impire had to order both players to continue

Helped by two McNetl double faults. Sanchea broke for a 3-1lead and won the next three games to tinish off the match of 95 minutes.

Sanchez, whose chances of doing well at the fournament were generally discounted peroreit began because of her limited grass-court experience, said. "I'm learning a lot on these courts The more I learn, the more I like

Wildenstein fumes, but Sheriff's Star wins

PARIS (R) - Top owner Daniel Wildenstein was highly critical of jockey Gary Moore's riding of Mill Pond after his horse Star Lift, hot favourite for the group one Grand Prix De Saint Cloud. had been beaten into fourth place behind English raider Sheriff's

Star Sunday. Sheriff's Star. with Tony Ives on board, had a head to spare over Golden Pheasant with Boyatino a short head away in third and Star Lift, ridden by Cash Asmussen, another length behind.

Wildenstein was left fuming after Mill Pond almost brought down Star Lift a furlong (200 metres) out.

Moore was suspended for four days but Wildenstein said: Moore should have got a month's suspension for that performance.

Mitchell's homers keep flowing NEW YORK (AP) - Kevin

Mitchell not only keeps hitting home runs, be keeps hitting important ones.

"That's as big a run as I've hit all year."Mitchell said after his two-run bomer capped a threerun rally in the eighth inning Sunday and gave the San Francisco Giants a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

"It was clutch," Mitchell said. "We really needed this win. Maybe this will be the spark that gets us going."
With the Giants trailing 3-1,

pinch-hitter Greg Litton led off with a single off Rick Sutcliffe, 9-6. Litton was forced at second by Brett Butler "Sutcliffe ws pitching me away

all day," Mitchell said. "It surprised me because the wind was blowing that way. I knew I had a shot the moment I hit it."

In other games, San Diego beat St. Louis 5-2, Montreal beat Houston 13-2, New York beat Cincinnati 7-2, Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh 3-2 and Atlanta beat Philadelphia 3-1.

Padres 5, Cardinals 2

Bruce Hurst pitched his fourth complete game and triggered a four-run third inning with his second major-league hit. He en-

tered the game 1-for-35. Marvell Wynne helped San Diego take advantage of first baseman Pedro Guerrero's error by hitting a three-run double off Jose Deleon, 8-8.

Expos 13, Astros 2

Bryn Smith drove in four of Montreal's season-high 13 runs with a three-run double in a six-run second and an RBI single in a four-run third. The Expos had 19 hits and led 10-0 after

three innings. Tom Foley had four hits and drove in three runs and Dave Martinez and Mike Fitzgerald had three hits each.

Mets 7, Reds 2

Howard Johnson hit his 22nd hme run and doubled twice as the Mets won for only the second time in six games.

Sid Fernandez, 6-2, allowed five hits in 750 innings to win his second straight start after five consecutive no-decisions. Don Aase finished with two-hit relief.

Dodger 3, Pirates 2

Jose Gonzalez drove in all three runs with his first homer since Sept. 29, 1986, and a runscoring double. Saturday, his ninth-inning single heat the Pi-

John Tudor, making his second start since offseason elbow surgery, left after three innings and 42 pitches because of shoulder soreness.

Braves 3. Phillies 1

Lonnie Smith raised his average to .336 with three hits and John Smoltz, 10-6, pitched a fivehitter for his fourth complete game, his third against the Phil-

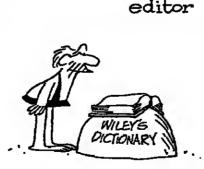
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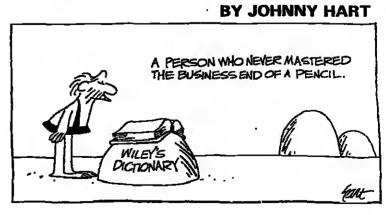






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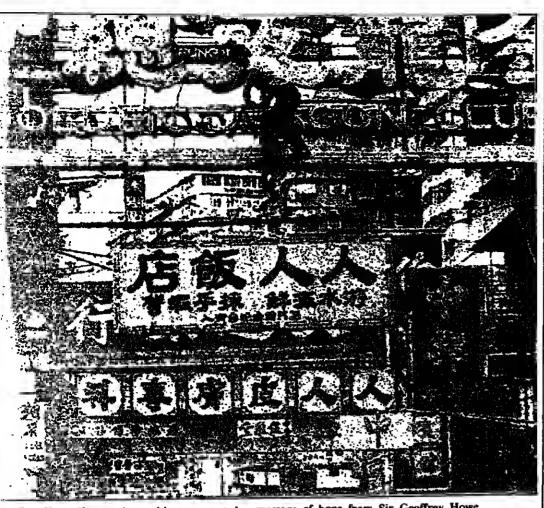


Andy Capp









Buarting Hong Kong, whose citizens expected a message of hope from Sir Geoffrey Howe

Bowe rules out refuge Hong Kong people

HONG KONG (AP) — British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe Monday rejected appeals from Hong Kong residents that British offer them refuge from Them when the colony is turned to the communist nation in,

Howe also denied that the decimon was racial.

As Howe concluded the lunthean speech in which he outlined Britain's position, proteshalf that read, "Shame oo the Thatcher government."

This... speech is insulting the intelligence of Hong Kong Chinese. We protest and we walk out." shouted Lee Wing Tat, an and local community leader who left the hall with about eight other demonstrators.

Such angry public outhursts are extremely rare in this British colony, and demonstrated the degree of hitterness many of Hong Kong's 5.7 million people feel over London's refusal to grant mem the right to live in Britain. riong Kong residents have demanded the right since June 3-4

Tokyo voters dealt Japan's rul-

ing Liberal Democratic Party

(LDP) a serious setback Mon-

day in municipal elections seen

as a prelude to national par-

exenth.

liamentary elections later this

Voters were angered by a combination of an LDP-spon-

scred sales tax, the Recruit

shares-for-favours scandal and

a series of sex allegations involv-

ing Prime Minister Sosuke Uno,

LDP Sccretary-General

Ryutaro Hashimoto said the re-

sait was regrettable. "We see

that popular distrust towards

petities is concentrated on our

letained in

Bangladesh

DHAKA (AP) - Police have crested 168 suspected Marxist activists in a special drive

egainst political violence, official sources said Monday.

The Interior Ministry

sources said the detainees be-

gal Sharbahara Party, or East

Dengal Proletariat Party. The

sources spoke on condition of

of Rajshahi in the north, Khul-

na in the southwest and Dhaka.

The Sharbahara Party, which

advocates armed struggle to

capture state power, is re-

sponsible for at least 100 poli-tical killings this year, the

They said police also arrested 143 non-Marxists dur-

ing the sweep on charges of

various kinds of violence, in-

cluding use of homemade

bombs for political purposes.

The sources refused to give

They said the arrests were made last month in the districts

anonymity.

sources said.

ing to the outlawed East Ben-

Political analysts said the par-

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purty," he added.

arxists

when China brutally suppressed the pro-democracy movement in Peking and launched a crackdown against dissent.

Although more than three million Hong Kong Chinese are eligible for British passports, they are not allowed to live in Britain. Howe made clear that the policy will not change fundamentally.
"The plain fact is that there is

simply no way that the British government could grant to several million people the right to come and live in Britain." Howe told about 250 community-

"It dismays me that some have suggested that this is a matter of race. It is nothing of the sort, Howe said. "It is a practical problem on an enormous scale" that would test Britain's capacity in housing, employment and transportation, he said.

Howe indicated that some Hong Kong Chinese who have provided valuable service to the colony would be allowed to settle in Britain, hut he provided no

ty's dismal performance would

increase pressure on embattled

Premier Uno to resign, only a

month after he succeeded

Noboru Takeshita, forced out of

The party woo only 43 of the

128 seats against the 63 it held

before voting took place Sun-

day. It had hoped to keep at

least 50 seats and retain control

against a fragmented oppositioo

unable to muster a working

Now it will probably he

forced to enlist at least one of

the other parties as an ally in

order to stay in power, political

the biggest beneficiary of the LDP disarray, winning 29 seats.

The Japan Socialist Party was

Children uttack a rickshawpuller resting on his

vehicle in an empty Dhaka street during a strike,

which was called by opposition parties to protest

majority.

analysts said.

office by the Recruit affair.

LDP gets big setback in Tokyo polls

He also said Britain would open its doors to Hong Kong

> trophically wrong" in the terri-Britain also is considering speeding up a local democratic reform programme and drafting a bill of rights for the colony to help safeguard the future of Hong

residents and mobilise the inter-

national community to do the.

same "if things did go catas-

Howe expressed concern about a clause in the constitution for post-1997 Hong Kong, being drafted hy China, that could allow Peking authorities to declare a state of emergency in the

Howe is in Hong kong on a three-day fact-finding mission to gauge opinion in the colony after the Chinese army gunned down unarmed pro-democracy demonstrators around Peking's Tiananmen Square.

While expressing disgust over the crackdown, Howe said the 1984 British-Chinese agreement that returns Hong Kong to China in 1997 remains valid.

up from 11. The Socialists also claimed they had the loyalty of

Socialist Party Chairman

Takako Doi, the only woman

party leader in Japan, said in a television interview the results

showed she was on track for

victory in the July 23 elections

for the upper house of parlia-

ment and possibly in subsequent

elections for the more important

our hop, step, jump into office," she said.

Women voters, who

accounted for more than 60 per

cent of the turnout, were seen as

a key factor in the LDP's losses.

A record number of women

candidates ran for election and

"We're at the first stage of

seven independents.

lower chamber.

Indians launch offensive against **Tamil** rebels

COLOMBO (AP) - Indian peacekeeping troops in Sri Lanka have launched a major sweep against Tamil rebels operation on the island's north and east, military officials said Monday.

The officials, who cannot be identified under briefing rules. said a dusk-to-dawn to curfew had been imposed in many towns in the area since Saturday but added that other details were not immediately available.

A spokeswoman at the Indian high commission, or embassy, did not deny that the offensive was under way but said she did not have details.

Indian newspapers said the offensive, code-named "Operation Toofan," was launched 10 days ago and involved thousands of troops backed by helicopter

of Iroops backed by helicopter gunships. Toofan means storm in the Hindi language.

Last week, President Ranasinghe Premadasa asked India to cease operations against the Liheration Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the main rebel militia. The Indian the main rebel militia. The Indian government refused, saying a derefrained from violence.

Premadasa's appeal followed an agreement between his government and the Tigers to stop fighting each other. The two sides have been holding talks since May, their first direct contact since the rebels launched a war for an independent Tamil homeland in 1983.

India became involved in the Tamil war because of the sympathies of its own 60 million Tamils for the rebel cause. The peacekeeping soldiers were de-ployed in July 1987, initially to supervise an arms surrender by the rebels after a peace accord gave Tamils limited autonomy.

But the Tigers reneged on the accord that fall and began attacking the Indian soldiers.

The New Delhi government has also refused Premadasa's request to withdraw its troops by the end of July. Tamils form 18 per cent of Sri

a record 17 won.
"The fact that the sex scandal

had such a hig impact shows

that Japanese society is chang-

ing," said Michitoshi Takaba-

take, professor of politics at Rikkyo University's. In the

past, revelations of extramarital

affairs involving politicians

Toshikiko Hara, a political science professor at Tokai Uni-

versity, said men were angry at the LDP too.

to be whining about resigning is a great departure from the tra-

ditional Japanese ideal of man-

liness. He should have kept quiet

and taken responsibility (for his alleged misbehaviour)," Hara said.

The fact that Uno was said

were commonplace.

heavy taxes levied in the recently introduced fiscal

1989-90 Bangladesh national budget.

Lanka's 16 million people and claim they are discriminated against by the majority Sinhalese. who make up 75 per cent of the population and control the government and the military.



Polish riot police clash with about 50 protesters

central committee building in Warsaw, calling for party leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski to resign.

Solidarity proposes government refused, saying a decision could only be taken after the Tigers surrendered arms and forming government to the Tigers surrendered arms and

WARSAW (R) — Solidarity and parliamentary deputy, prop-publicly proposed Monday that it osed the idea of a Solidarity should form a government in exchange for backing a Communist Party candidate in this week's Polish presidential elections.

The free trade union's official newspaper said Poland needed a new political arrangement that could be supported by all political forces while guaranteeing continuity.

"Such a set-up would be an agreement under which the president will be a candidate of the PZPR (Communist Party) and the premier's portfolio and mission of forming a government would be given to a candidate of Solidarity," the newspaper said in a frontpage article.

Political sources said at the weekend some leaders of the Communist-dominated governing coalition had already raised the possibility of a Solidarity leader becoming prime minister.

They suggested Professor Broníslaw Geremek, 57, Solídarity's leading political strategist, for the

The article in Gazeta Wyborcza (Election Gazette) was signed hy its editor Adam Michnik, a veteran dissident and Solidarity adviser who was elected to parliament when the union won a landslide victory in partly-free elections last month.

Michnik and Jacek Kuron, another senior Solidarity adviser

MANILA (R) - Deposed Phi-

lippine leader Ferdinand Marcos

will not be allowed back to his

homeland dead or alive, Presi-

dent Corazon Aquino said

Aquino said she was opposed

to the return of Marcos, 71,

because of the potential trouble

his supporters could cause. The

former president is near death in

Aquino said in an interview

with Reuters and the Internation-

al television news agency Visnews that she was confident security

was good enough for her to leave

the country Saturday for Europe.

"I would not leave if I thought

a Honolulu hospital.

Monday.

government in exchange for a communist president at a meetingof the union's 260 legislators Saturday.

"Such a (Communist) president would guarantee continuity of the authorities and of international accords and military alliances," Michnik wrote.

"Such a (Solidarity) government would have a mandate from the buge majority of Poles andwould guarantee a subsequent change of the economic and political system...

"This would be an arrangement credible for Poland and the world," he added.

The presidential election was thrown open Friday when Communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski stepped aside and proposed Interior Minister General Czeslaw Kiszczak in-

Jaruzelski said he could not overcome the stigma of having imposed martial law in 1981.

Political sources said he was unable to gather a majority in the 560-member National Assembly. comprising both houses of parliament, which elects the president.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has said Jaruzelski is unacceptable to the nation. He threw his weight behind Kiszczak as a trustworthy partner who negotiated a political reform pact with Sobdar-

survived five coup attempts since

Marcos was overthrown in a

my leaving the country and

have enough safeguards to ensure

that this government will con-

tinue and that the government

will be able to address any situa-tion where the stability of this

government would he en-

dangered," she stated during the

40-minote interview at Manila's

Aquino will be pressing for

extra financial assistance and re-

lief on the country's \$28 billion

debt during her July 9-15 visit to

staying away for a week that we

I am confident that even with

Aquino firm on Marcos

popular revolt in 1986.

ity in April.

But the Communist Party has not endorsed Kiszczak and has asked Jaruzelski to reconsider. The Peasant and Democratic parties allied to the Communists have delayed making a choice.

With the Communists and their allies divided, Solidarity's 260 legislators appear to have the decisive votes in the electoral assembly.

Michnik said the issue could not be reduced to a competition between the virtues of the two generals. "Poland needs now a strong

and credible system of power, A change of appearances is not enough, like for example replacing one candidate for president by another "The question is not about

people but about mechanisms. What we need is a new arrangement that can be approved by all the main political forces, new but guaranteeing continuity. Solidarity has previously said it

will not join the government as a junior partner to the communists and is not ready to form its own government.

However, political sources said it now appeared to be aiming for control of a "government of experts" - non-partisan technocrats who would hoist Poland out of deepening economic and poli-

She said rebels within the milit-

ary had been rooted out and no

longer had troops under their

command since the bloody Au-

gust 1987 coup attempt when at

"The undesirable elements

have been weeded out and the

good elements of the military are

in place and are able to perform

their functions according to the

Asked if she was opposed to

the return of Marcos even when

he died, the president said: "Yes,

I am because I believe that at this

time it is not in the national

dictates of our constitution,

Aquino stated.

least 53 people were killed.

Snakes kill lion, wolves at 200

NEW DELHI (R) - Snakes have killed a lion and two wolves at a zoo in the north Indian city of Kaupur, the United News of La-dia reported Monday. It said the snimals had been found dead of snake bites in their enclosures at the zoo, set in 75 acres of woodland. Forest guards had saved a leopard by classing away a snake preparing to attck. The agency, did not identify the type of snakes responsible.

Longer life In Vietnam

BANGKOK (AP) - Want to live long? Then go live in Viet-nam, where 2.432 people are 190 nr older and the oldest is a 142-year-old woman, according to the Vietnam News Agency. Chances of living long are mitch higher for women than men. Female centenarians outnumber males 1,728 to 704, the official agency said in a report monitored.
Monday in Bangkok, While the
Guinnes Book of world records. lists the oldest documented person as having lived to 120, the central census guidance board says Vietnam's most senior citizenis Ngan Thi Quang, 142 a member of an ethnic Thai minority group living in the contral part of the country. The oldest man, a full twelve years behind her at 130 was identified as Hoang A Giang, a member of the Harong ethnic minority living in the northern province of Hoang Lien Son, the report said.

Chickpeas can fight cholesterol'

TEL AVIV (R) — Health officials in Tel Aviv have urged Israelis to eat more humous, a chickpea paste popular in the Middle East, to decrease the risk of heart attack. A municipality statement said humous and olive oil — usually eaten together — lowered the likelihood of heart attacks caused by foods high in... cholesterol content. It said tests given to 2,000 residents showed one in four faced a high risk of heart attack because of cholesterol.

Batman 'too busy'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Adam-West, the batman of television fame years ago, says he has been too busy to see the new Batman movie and that he is content to leave the crime fighting to Michael Keaton's new version of the fictional character. "I guess if anyone should see it, I should," he said Tuesday while in town for a return of his 1966 Batman movie. "I've been too: husy. But I'm very curious. West, speaking in the same measured tones Batman used while facing urban menaces, said he would have liked to star in the new movie. "But I would not have been well casted," he said. They have a different vision. People would expect the same thing Batman was before - lighthearted." When the television show first left the air in 1968, West found himself hopelessly

Lightning panic kills 1,600 chickens

BELGRADE (R) - More than 1,600 panic-stricken chickens suffocated after a bolt of lightning caused a total electricity failure at a Yugoslav farm. Terrified by the flash in the sky and the sudden darkness, the farm's stock of 10,000 chickens tried to fice into one corner of their enclosure. More than 1,600 suffocated, consing the farm at cerknice in the Slovenian republic losses of 90 million dinars (\$5,200), Tanjug news agency said Monday.:

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interest to allow Mr. Marcos to the country was in a precarious state," said Aquino, 56, who has West Germany, France and Bel-'Tourism' prompted Cuban

Malacanang Palace.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A former major general in the Cuban military testified at his courtmartial that he trafficked drugs because he wanted to invest in tourism projects like hotels, the

Cuban news ageocy said Sunday. Arnoldo Ochoa Sanchez is one of 15 high-ranking military offic-ers charged with high treason and trafficking in cocaine, diamonds and ivory.

They were stripped of their rank and expelled from the Communist Party last week. Three major generals began hearing the case Friday. The 15 could face the firing squad if convicted.

Io a related development, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hector Argiles said that Reuters correspondent Gilles Trequesser was expelled Sunday for "falsely

Argiles was quoted by the

Cuban government news agency Prensa Latina as saying that Tre-quesser filed the offending article Saturday and was expelled at 8 a.m. (1200 GMT) Sunday. He said Trequesser is the third Reuter correspondent expelled, but gave no details.

"It is Cuba's policy to take such. measures against correspondents accredited in the country when they falsify the truth with evident malicious intention." Argiles

Prensa Latina said Trequess reported that Osmani Cien-fuegos, a member of the Council of State and of the ruling Communist Party's Political Bureau, and Abraham Maciques, president of the state trading corporacion Cubanacan, had asked for asylum at an unnamed foreign

Argiles said Trequesser "fasely and maliciously" linked "the alleged search for asylum" with the drug case.

According to Prensa Latina Ochoa and two aides, Jorge Martinez and Antonio Rodriguez, admitted their actions "seriously endangered the prestige, morality and dignity of Cuba, its armed forces, people and government.

Earlier dispatches from Hava-na said the defendants helonged to a secret division of the Interior Ministry that smuggled medicine, hospital supplies and computers to circumvent a U.S. trade embargo. One of the defendants is former Interior Minister Jose Abrantes.

Ochoa said Sunday that he was

He said he planned to invest large amounts of money in hotel construction but did not intend to

general to traffick drugs

and maliciously" reporting that two Communist Party officials wanted asylum in a foreign embassy.

thinking big" when he decided to become involved in international drug trafficking in 1987, Prensa Latina said.

turn the island into a drug trafficking centre.